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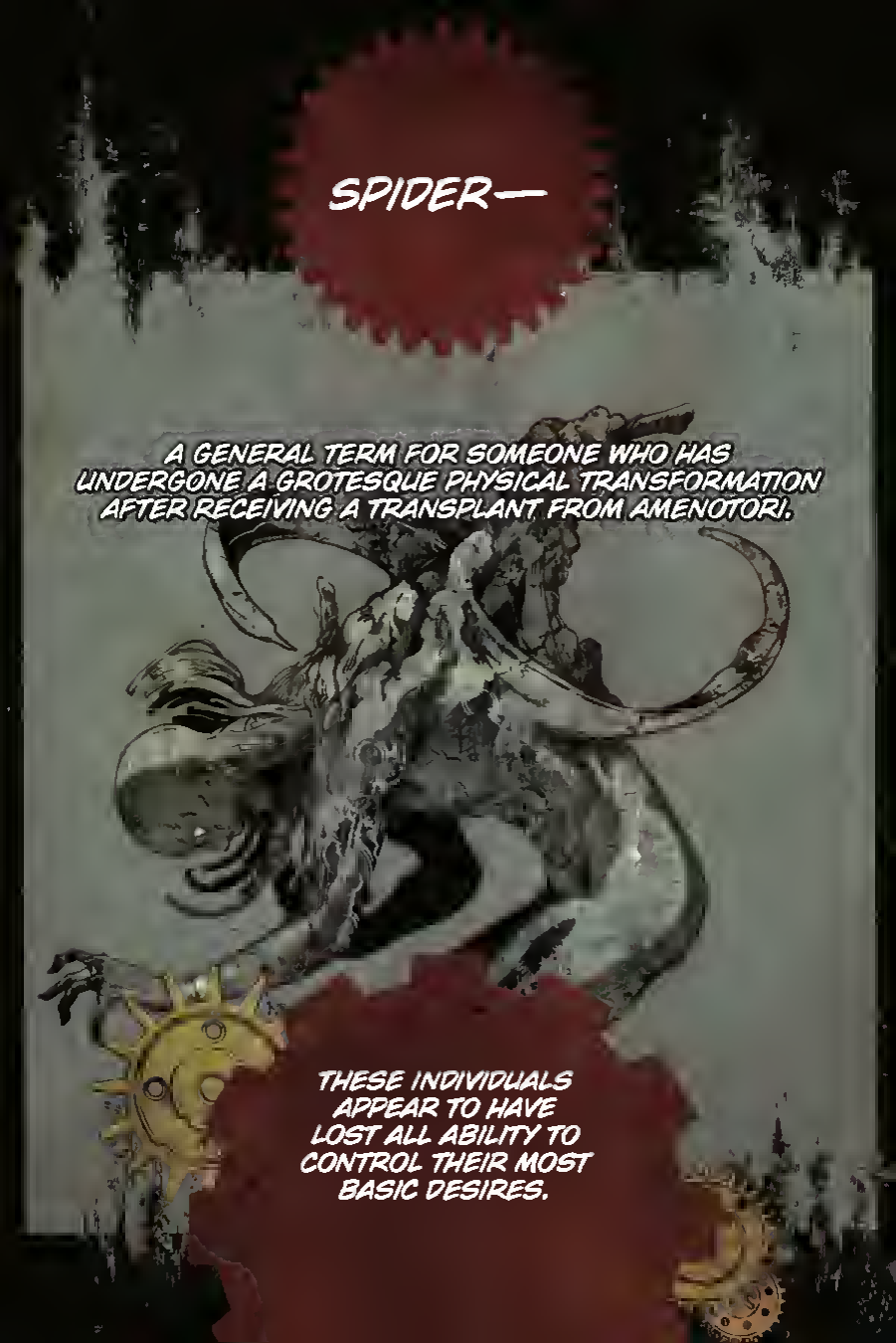
SPIDER—
A GENERAL TERM FOR SOMEONE WHO HAS UNDERGONE A GROTESQUE PHYSICAL TRANSFORMATION AFTER RECEIVING A TRANSPLANT FROM AMENOTORI.
THESE INDIVIDUALS APPEAR TO HAVE LOST ALL ABILITY TO CONTROL THEIR MOST BASIC DESIRES.

Smokin' Parade
#05
BLURRING
BLACK & WHITE
SMOKIN' PARADE
JINSEI KATAOKA, KAZUMA KONDOU

# SMOKIN' PARADE

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# CHARACTERS

### *AKUTA*

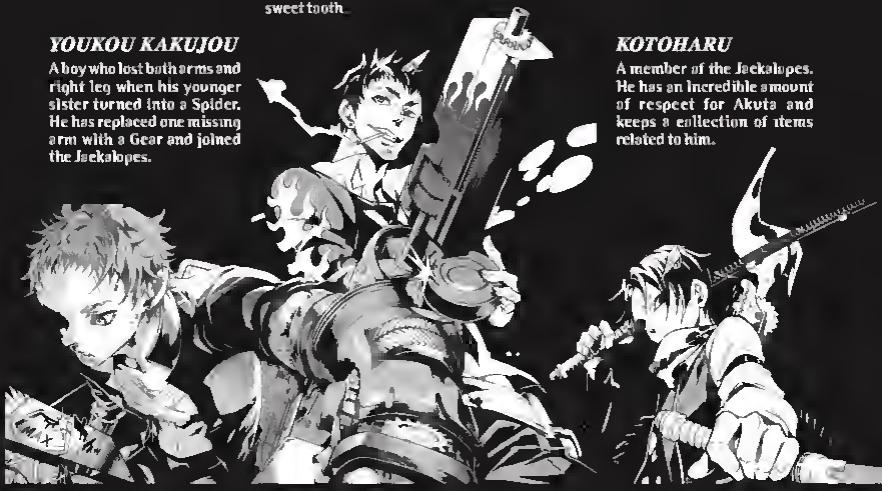
A Jackalope who has taken a liking to Youkou because he sees himself in the kid. A heavy smoker with a sweet tooth.

### *YOUKOU KAKUJOU*

A boy who lost both arms and right leg when his younger sister turned into a Spider. He has replaced one missing arm with a Gear and joined the Jackalopes.

### *KOTOHARU*

A member of the Jackalopes. He has an incredible amount of respect for Akuta and keeps a collection of items related to him.



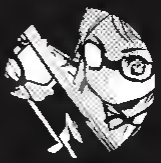
### *AMENOTORI*

Amenotori, the revolutionary medical company that has made it possible to transplant any human part. This individual appears to have some connection to the company...?

### *SPIDERS* (8∞8)

Monsters whose heads have transformed into animal costume heads. Their physical strength is heightened and their instincts run amok.

*MIDARI*



*MATSUGO*

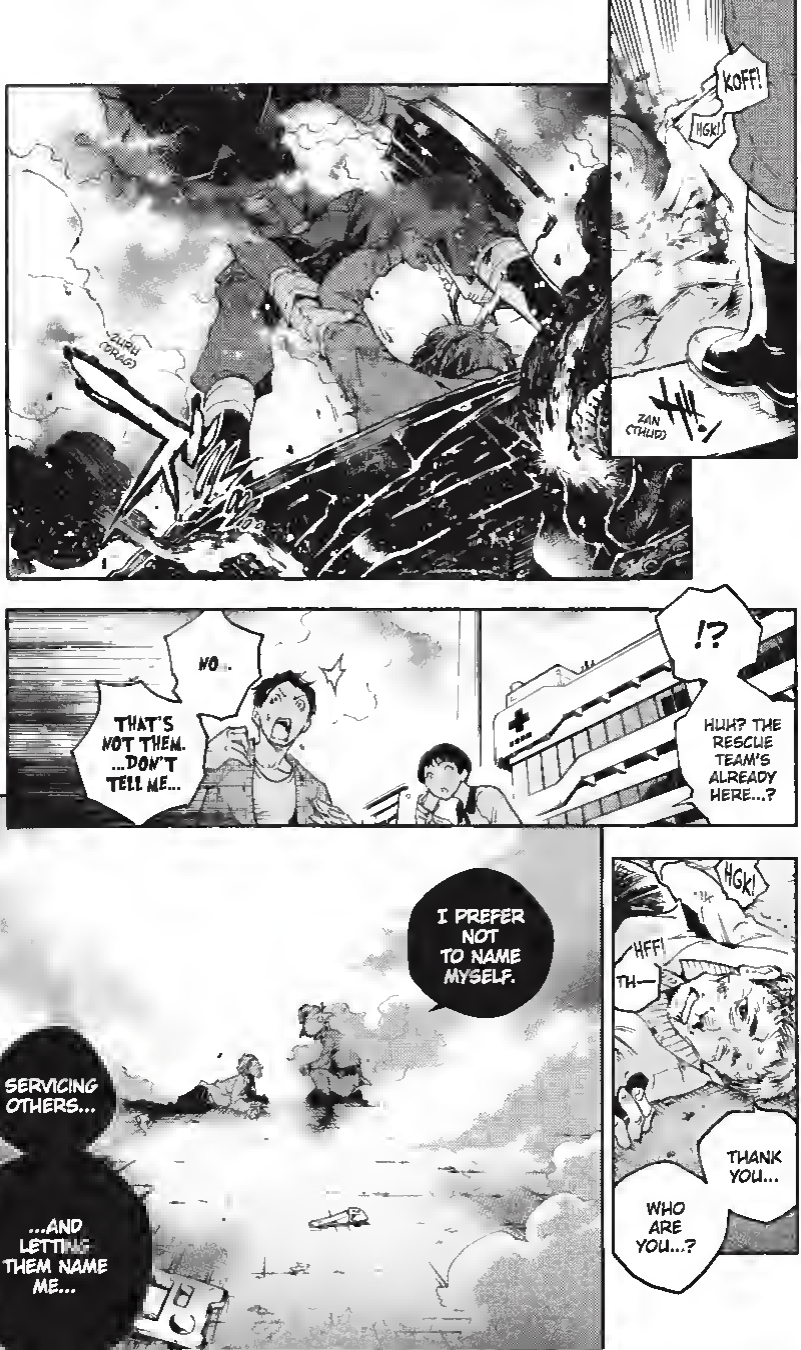
*DOC*

Click
Click
Clack
.....
UH, DOC?
THIS IS A PHYSICAL, RIGHT?
YES, WHICH IS WHY I WANT TO CHECK OUT YOUR SPERM COUNT.

GURURURU CRRRRUMBLE
くぅるるる
OH, I'M HUNGRY, SO I'M GONNA GO NOW.
ARE YOU ALL RIGHT, YOUKOU-KUN!?
FOR A BOY NOT TO GET AN ERECTION AT SEEING GEARS...
健診室
SIGN: EXAMINATION ROOM
HFF!
HFF!
OKAY, POP 'EM OUT!♥ MARRY— I MEAN, LET'S EXAMINE YOUR CHEST!
OKAY, NEXT.
JUST POP 'EM OUT!♡
...MATSUGO-CHAN, WHICH DO YOU BET IT WILL BE? THE RIGHT CHEEK, OR THE LEFT ONE?
HUH?

...I'M BORED.
THANK YOU FOR THE HIGH KICK!
BAKIIN (THWACK)
YOU'RE DEFINITELY GOING TO BE RIGHT UP THERE AT NUMBER ONE FOR BLOOD SUGAR LEVELS AGAIN THIS YEAR, AKUTA-NII.
HERE.
FO' SHO'.
BORI (CRUNCH)
BORI
SO BORED.
PE CE IS BOOORING.
THE ONE AND ONLY NUMBER ONE, THAT'S ME.
HA!
IT DEFI-NITELY IS, AKUTA-NII.

...HUH?
YEAH, WE'VE HAD A BUNCH OF SPIDER SIGHTINGS.
BUT IT'S NOT ACTUALLY ALL THAT SLOW RIGHT NOW.
WHY IS HE ACTING LIKE THAT?
WHAT ARE YOU TALKING ABOUT?
ZAWA ZAWA
THE DRIVER ...?
...YES, THERE'S BEEN AN ACCI-DENT...
THERE'S A FIRE.
...HE HASN'T COME OUT.


KOFF!
HGK!
ZAN (THUD)
ZUSH (CRASH)
!?
HUH? THE RESCUE TEAM'S ALREADY HERE...?
NO.
THAT'S NOT THEM. ...DON'T TELL ME...
HGK!
HFF!
TH—
THANK YOU...
WHO ARE YOU...?
I PREFER NOT TO NAME MYSELF.
SERVICING OTHERS...
...AND LETTING THEM NAME ME...

THAT IS THE FATE OF THE LONELY HERO, FIRE MASK!
WAH (CLANG!)
FIRE MASK. THE MESSIAH OF THE BLAZE!!
IT'S FIRE MASK!
DIDN'T YOU JUST SAY YOUR NAME!?
THE REAL THING !?

WAAA
SIGN: CHARITABLE HOSPITAL
...IT'S NOT A SPIDER.
IT'S BASICALLY SPIDER-MAN.
HM?
I'VE HEARD OF HIM BEFORE.
"A HERO HAS BEEN ACTIVE IN THE REDEVELOPMENT DISTRICT TO DEAL WITH THE SLOW RESPONSE OF RESCUE EFFORTS?"
NO WAAAY!
WITH THAT FACE AND ALL?
WHAT A WEIRDO.
SHAKI (SHINK)
LET'S TAKE CARE OF HIM BEFORE HE CAN GET—

ZA (GRIP)
HEY!
BON (THWACK)
?
YOU BLACK DEVILS!
DON'T YOU DARE MAKE FUN OF FIRE MASK! HE'S COOL!
BAN (THWACK)
COOL IS, FOR EXAMPLE, HAVING A SINGLE HORN AND A GUN FOR A RIGHT ARM.
BUT HE'S HARDLY "COOL," YOUNG MAN.
I SEE.
...?
THE DEVIL PART
THE BLACK PART

SIGN: CHARITABLE HOSPITAL

DRAWING: MOMMY

DINER
HUH?
YOU KNOW, THAT SPIDER'S ACTUALLY A GOOD GUY.
DO WE REALLY HAVE TO KILL HIM?
HIS RECORD FROM WHEN HE WAS HUMAN SAYS HE WAS A HIGHLY DECORATED EMT FOR THE FIRE DEPARTMENT.
PERHAPS IT WAS AN ACCIDENTAL FLAG?
AND EVEN NOW, AS A SPIDER, HIS BEHAVIOR IS THE SAME.
KATA
KATA CLACKA
LAST TIME WE WENT TO CHECK, HE WAS THE FIRST ONE ON THE SCENE OF A CAR ACCIDENT.
FIRE MASK?
YEAH.
WE HAD NO CHOICE BUT TO LEAVE HIM BE

CAN A SPIDER EVEN BE "WHITE"?
PERHAPS HE DOESN'T HAVE ANY IMPULSE TO RUN WILD...
...OR HIS DESIRES ARE SIMPLY THAT PURE, JUST, AND INCORRIGIBLE.
WHETHER YOU BELIEVE THEY'RE BORN GOOD OR EVIL, NO ONE DOUBTS THEY BECOME DIRTY AS THEY GROW UP.
DO HUMANS WITHOUT ANY "BLACK" ACTUALLY EXIST?
SPIDERS WERE ORIGINALLY HUMAN.
IS THERE A PROB-LEM...
...IF HE'S WHITE?

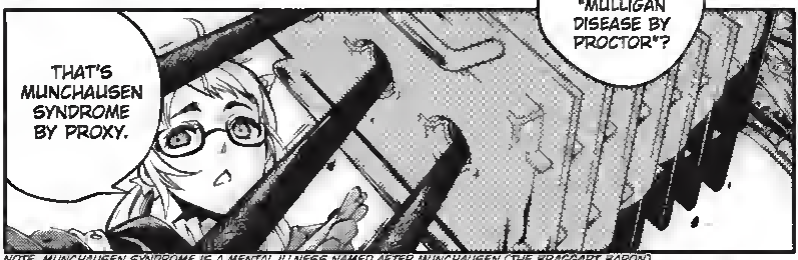
WE CAN'T KNOW UNLESS WE CHECK EVERYONE IN EXISTENCE...
DON (BIMM)
...BUT WOULDN'T IT BE MORE FUN IF THERE WERE SOME PEOPLE WHO WERE TOTALLY CLEAN, NO MATTER HOW DEEP YOU DUG?
HA HA.
THAT'S A PRETTY CLEAR-CUT VIEW.
THERE'S NO INTELLIGENCE REQUIREMENT FOR JOINING THE TEAM IS THERE...?
HUH!?
SINCE WHEN IS THAT A MATTER OF "FUN"?
CHIN (CLINK)
...THEN, DO YOU WANT TO BET YOUR DINNER ON IT?
WHICH DO WE BELIEVE IN? WHICH DO WE HOPE FOR?

THE GLORY OF GOOD?
OR THE GLORY OF EVIL?

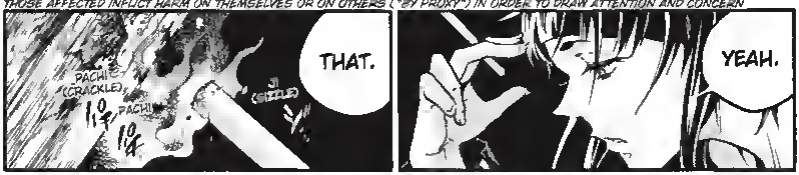
KAN (CLANG)
KAN
KAN
KOFF.
KOFF.
BAKIN (CRACK)
BEKI (CRASH)
WHOA!
THAT FACE! DID YOU LOSE A BET?
KOFF!
KOFF!
SORRY ABOUT THIS...
TO THINK WE WOULD HAVE A FIRE WHEN WE HAVE NO GAS OR POWER...
ARE YOU ALL RIGHT?
GUR (CLUNK)

...
HMM?
OH, HOW FRIGHTENING.
KOFF!
KOFF!
IT COULD BE ARSON.
I HEARD THERE'S A RASH OF THOSE LATELY.
THAT JUST WON'T DO.
ARE YOU TWO UNHARMED?
YES.
WE WERE LUCKY.
KOFF!
...I CAN'T SAVE LIVES.
...WITHOUT AN INJURED PERSON...
HUH?
(RUSTLE)
...WE'LL HAVE TO START OVER.
(CLATTER)

I AM A HERO, AFTER ALL!
SETTING FIRES, DROPPING PEOPLE ON THE TRACKS, POISONING, CUTTING BRAKE LINES...
I'VE ALWAYS WORKED SO HARD JUST SO I COULD SAVE PEOPLE.
GARAN (CLATTER)
FUEL
MATCH




NOTE: MUNCHAUSEN SYNDROME IS A MENTAL ILLNESS NAMED AFTER MUNCHAUSEN (THE BRAGGART BARON) THOSE AFFECTED INFLICT HARM ON THEMSELVES OR ON OTHERS ("BY PROXY") IN ORDER TO DRAW ATTENTION AND CONCERN.



WHAT ARE YOU TALKING—?

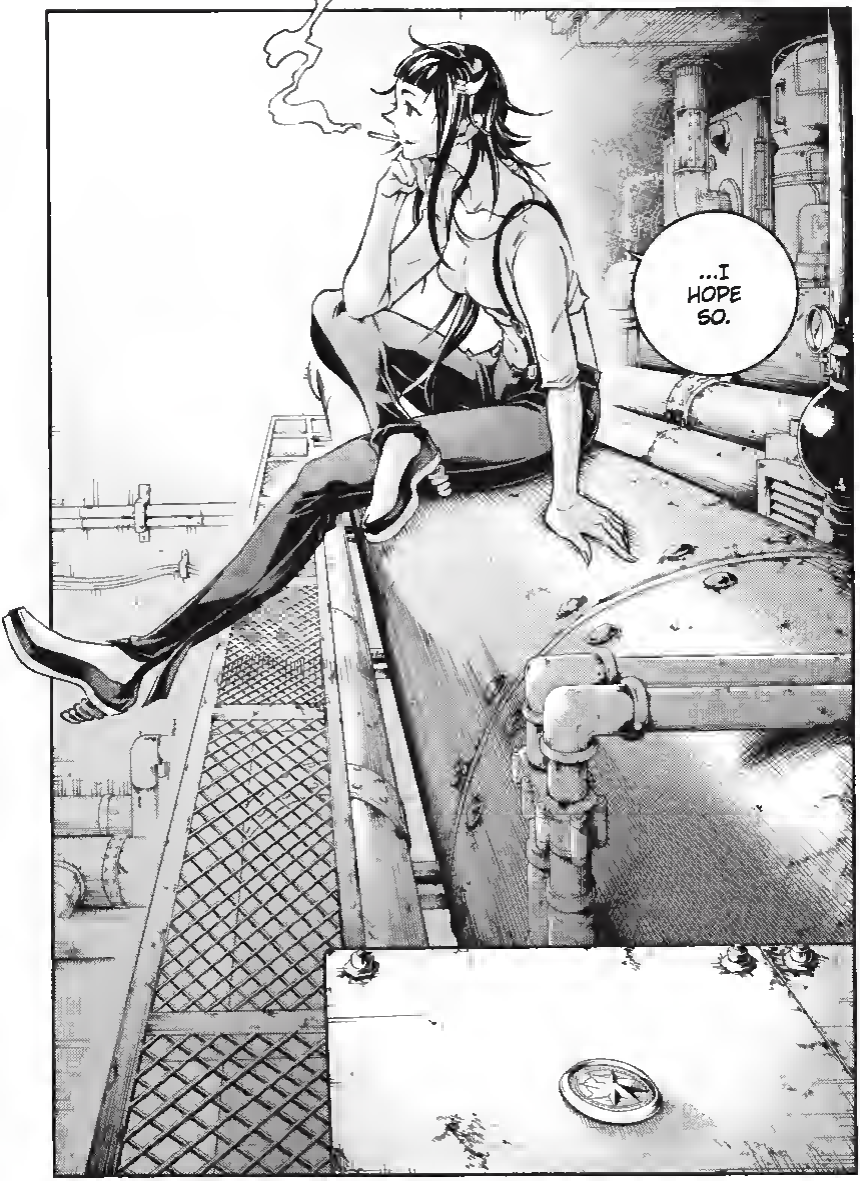
DO (THUD)
DO
BEGYA (THWACK)
BOKYA (WHACK)
.....
DOKAN (SMASH)
BAGON (THUD)
DOGOO (SMASH)
MEGYA (SMASH)
MEGYA (SMASH)

I'M TALKING ABOUT GIVING ME MY DINNER BACK!
YOU DAMNED HERO!
SAY WHAT?
FAN (THUMP)
FAN
...BIG SIS.
DON'T SAY ANYTHING, OKAY?
FOOD IS SCARY...
AWAWA (PANIC)
THAT'S GOING A BIT TOO FAR
...JUST HOW MUCH DOES HE WANT HIS FOOD?

I MEAN, TO THAT KID...
WELL, UH...
ANYWAY, IT REALLY SUCKS THAT I LOST THE BET!
...I THINK SO TOO.
IT SUCKS THAT I WON.
OH!
GORO
GORO (ROLL)

I'M PLENTY BORED MYSELF, YOU KNOW, YOU DIABETIC WANNABE-AMERICAN.
HUH? THAT SUPPOSED TO BE ME!?
HEY, MIDARI!
I HEARD YOU GUYS WERE OUT GAMBLING WHILE DOC WAS SHOWING ME HIS SCREWS YESTERDAY!!
*HIS SCREW COLLECTION
NEXT TIME, CALL ME, YOU STRAIGHT-BANGED IDIOT! I'M BORED OUT OF MY MIND HERE!
...I REALLY SHOULDN'T BET WHEN MY CHANCES OF WINNING ARE A HUNDRED PERCENT.
YOU BRAGGING ABOUT YOUR LUCK?
IF YOU TAKE IT FOR GRANTED, YOU'RE GONNA LOSE SOMEDAY, YOU KNOW. ...THAT HUNDRED PERCENT CHANCE.
PIN (PIN!)

慈癒病院
SIGN: CHARITABLE HOSPITAL
KATSUN (THUNK)
YEAH?
.....


...I HOPE SO.

SMOKIN' PARADE

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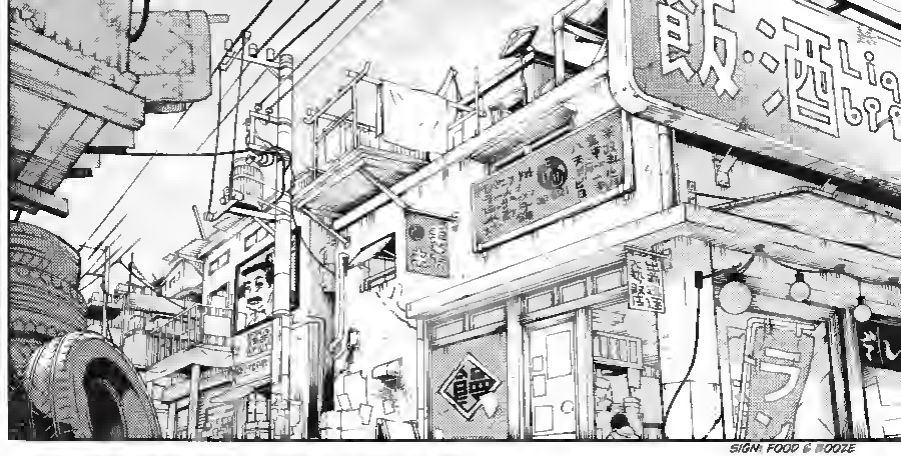
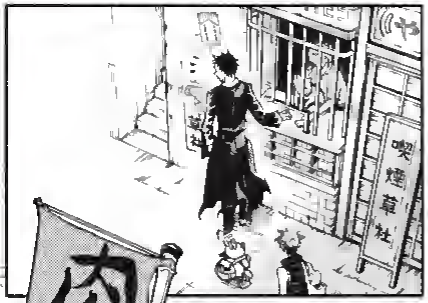
THE WORLD IS DEAD, THE PARADE WILL START.

JINSEI KATAOKA, KAZUMA KONDOU

#06
SNEAKY
STRATAGEM


飯・酒
SIGN: FOOD & BOOZE


喫煙草社

肉饅頭
BANNER: MEAT BUNS
GOOD TASTE & CLEAN
550
点心
180-

I'M GETTING THIRTY.
WE GET PAID TWENTY-FIVE MEAT BUNS PER DAY.
GABU (CHOMP)
You're eating them now!?
A PART-TIME JOB!
...WHAT THE HELL ARE YOU TWO DOING?
I THOUGHT ALL THE JACKALOPES LIVED IN THE TOWER, BUT IT TURNS OUT I WAS WRONG.
THE CLOCK ROCK?
THERE'S ALWAYS ABOUT TEN TO TWENTY PEOPLE ON SHIFT THERE
AS LONG AS YOU CAN KEEP THE JACKALOPES A SECRET, YOU'RE FREE TO HAVE A JOB OR A FAMILY.
IT'S NOT LIKE WE'RE THE MILITARY OR SOME CHARITABLE ORGANIZATION.
WE'RE JUST A BUNCH OF PEOPLE FROM ALL WALKS OF LIFE WHO GATHERED TOGETHER BECAUSE WE HAVE THE SAME IDEALS.

KOTOHARU'S EARLY-MORNING RADIO CALISTHENICS ARE CRANKED UP TO LEVEL SIX.
CHAAN CHAAKA (THRUM-THRUM)
AND THAT!
CHAAN CHAAKA
TAKE THAT!
YEAH, THAT'S WHAT I HEARD.
I WANNA SAVE UP SOME MONEY SO I CAN LIVE SOMEWHERE ELSE.
GACHAN (CRASH)
.....
.....
WHO KNOWS?
IT TOTALLY GOES AGAINST KAKUJOU FAMILY RULE NUMBER FORTY-SEVEN: "YOU CAN SLEEP IN AS LONG AS YOU WANT."
...Just how many of those family rules do you have?
GET BACK HERE!
DASH DASH!
QUICK HOUR AUTHORITY
YOU KNEW WHAT YOU WERE GONNA HAVE TO DO TO MAKE A LIVING HERE IN THE SLUMS!

MAI (MINORU)
PAPATAYIN KITA! BOBO PANGIT!
(I'LL KILL YOU, YOU STUPID BITCH!)
NOO!
THE JOHNS'RE WAITING, YOU KNOW.
HA HA.
NO...!
I...
ZA (PWISH)
...!
PLEASE!
HELP... ME.
...
Don't, Youkou.

We set up our operation in this rough part of town in order to avoid interference from the officials and Amenotori.
That means we have to avoid drawing attention to ourselves by not getting involved in anything other than our primary mission: exterminating Spiders.
If you set off your Gears for each and every little thing that pops up, we'll be out—
BAKIN (CRACK)
BAKI (CRACK)
OOOUT!
!?

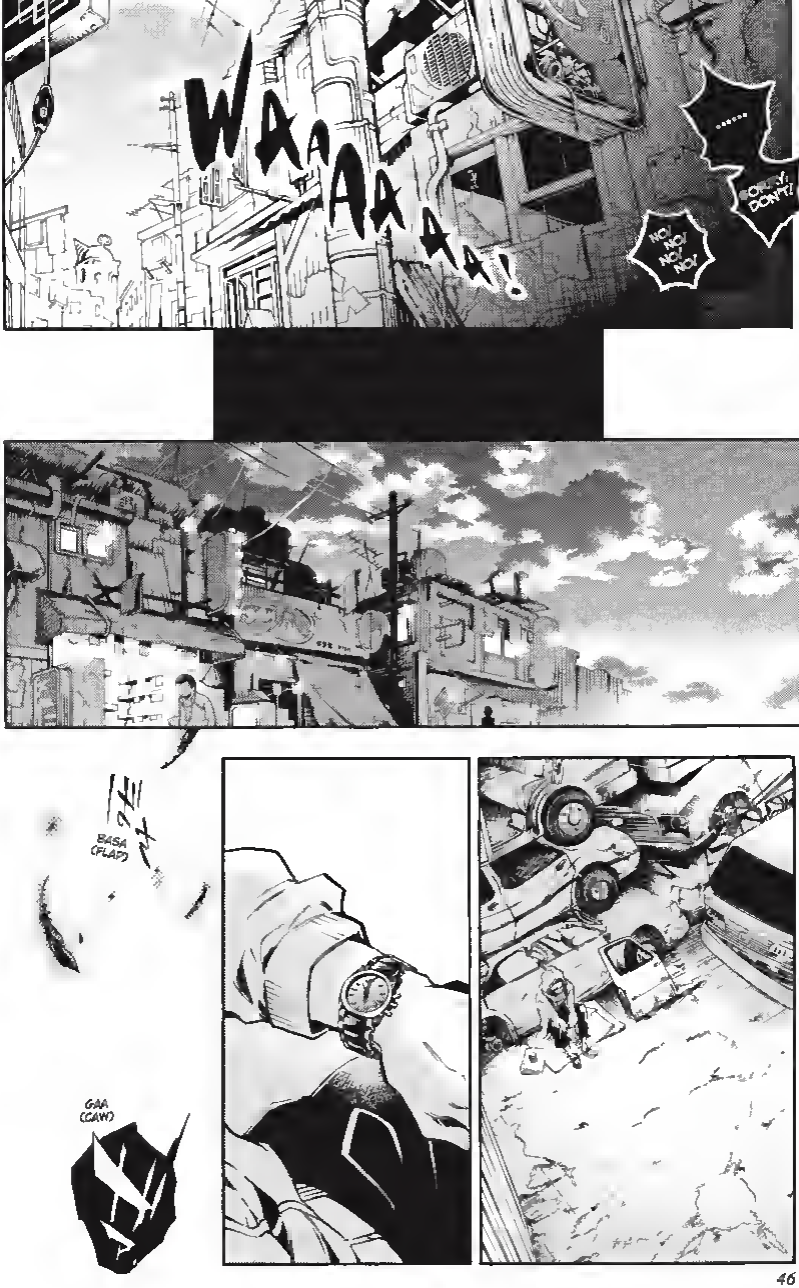
SOUND BLOCKER "EATJAM," THE STOMACH GEAR.
HUH? THE GEARS HAVE NAMES?
OKAY!
"NO NAME," THE LEFT ARM GEAR.
SMOKE-SCREEN "DRIZZLE," THE LUNG GEAR.
GREAT GUN "ROTTEN," THE RIGHT ARM GEAR.
GO EASY ON THEM, OKAY?

YOU BASTARDS AND YOUR LITTLE TRICKS!
CHA (SHINK)
肏!
我日你!
(FUCK YOU!)
WHAT'S WITH THESE GUYS!?
!

DOSYA STAHAOO
URK!?
WHAT? SO YOU WERE IN ON IT TOO, GIRLIE?
POI (TOSS)
...WELL, GUESS WE REALLY DON'T HAVE TO HOLD BACK AGAINST THE BITCH AND HER FRIENDS, DO WE?
FULL CHARGE!
REALLY?
HUH.
...SO STRONG. SO FAST.

SOOO...
HOW MANY YOU WANT KILL
HOLES DO WHEN WE YOU?

JORORORORO (PISSSSSH)


WAAAAAAA!
NO! NO! NO!
SORRY! DON'T!
.....
BASA (FLAP)
GAA (CAW)

HEY!
!
CAAW!
YOU NEVER SAID THEY WERE GONNA BE MONSTERS!!
HEY, YOU! OLD MAN!
THUD!
.....
AND WE'RE TAKING WHATEVER WEAPONS YOU'VE GOT!
FOR THE INTERROGATION! AND FOR MEDICAL BILLS TOO!
YOU DIDN'T PAY US ANYWHERE NEAR ENOUGH MONEY FOR THAT!!
THAT'S GONNA BE ANOTHER THREE HUNDRED!

...YOU BARELY GOT ANY COMBAT DATA OUT OF THEM.
YOU GUYS ARE JUST TOO WEAK.
SO YOU COULD AT LEAST GIVE ME BACK MY MONEY.
I'LL GET IN TROUBLE IF I RACK UP TOO MANY EXPENSES, AFTER ALL.
GH.
HUH!?
GA (GRAB)
DON'T FUCK WITH ME! I'LL KILL YOU, OLD MAN...
EE!

UNH...
NGUH.
...OH WELL.
I'VE ALREADY FIGURED OUT WHICH OF THE BUNNIES' HORNS WILL BE MOST FUN TO BREAK OFF FIRST.
RIGHT, EVERY-ONE?

KACHI
(CLICK)
BOBON
(DEWAMMM)

OH, LOOK AT THE TIME.
KACHI (CLICK)
ALL RIGHT! TIME TO EAT!
WHOO!!
It doesn't bother you that you got fired on your first day!?
GA (CLENCH)
MAYBE TODAY WILL BE THE DAY WE GET A PUDDING RICE BOWL!
I... REALLY HOPE NOT.
THAT'S NOT APPETIZING AT ALL!
No way!

SMOKIN' PARADE

THE WORLD IS DEAD,
THE PARADE WILL START.

JINSEI KATAOKA, KAZUMA KONDOU

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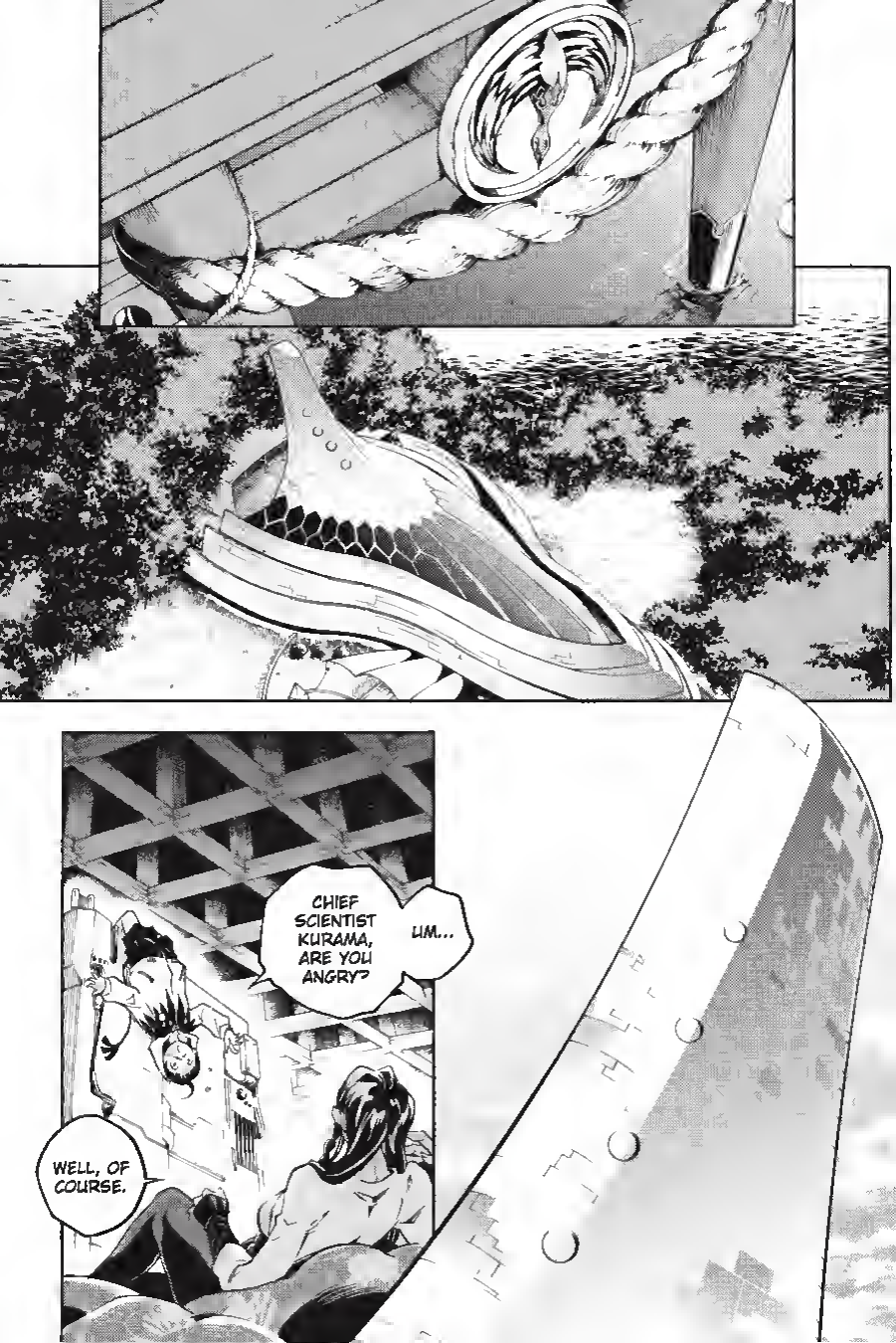
#07
PI..
!?
PI
PI
PI
PI
KATA
KATA
KATA
(CLACK)
POINT NINE—
I'M PICKING UP SIGNS OF A SPIDER.
PI
PI
PI
PI
PI
PI

SMOKIN' PARADE
#07
APOCALYPTIC ANTS


CHIEF SCIENTIST KURAMA, ARE YOU ANGRY?
UM...
WELL, OF COURSE.

I'M LETTING YOU USE A LOT OF MY PRECIOUS RESEARCH SUBJECTS.
...THOUGH IF NORMAL SPIDERS ARE ROUGH STONES...
...YOU LOT ARE CUT DIAMONDS.
JUST DON'T DO ANYTHING UNREASON-ABLE...ALL RIGHT...?
SHIKAGURA?

OF COURSE. FIRST OFF...
...WE'LL GO AND GREET THE BLACK DEMONS—THE JACKALOPES.

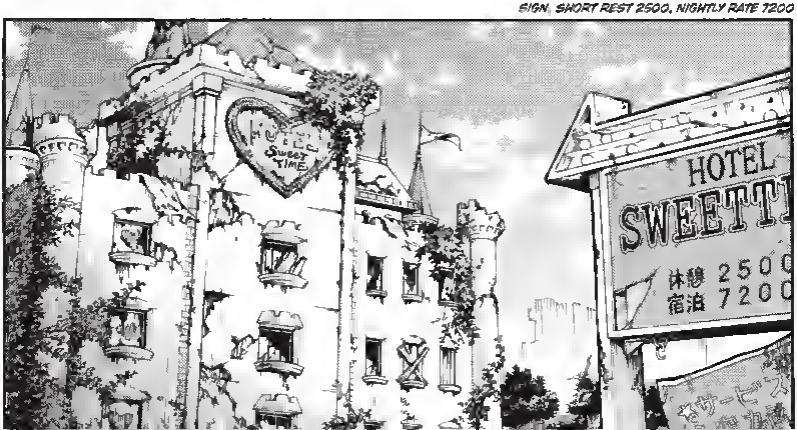
BEEP! BEEP! BEEP! BEEP!
Emer-gency!!
A large number of Spiders have appeared all over the western port region!!
HA!!
WH-WHAT DID I DO WITH MY HORNS?
WAAA GLAMOR!
HOW ARE WE EVEN SUP-POSED TO DEAL WITH THEM ALL?
WHERE'D THEY ALL COME FROM...?
EIGH-TEEN!?
F-FOUR-TEEN OF THEM!?
NO.

CALM DOWN, EVERYONE.
WE'LL BLOCK THE ROAD CONNECTING THE RESIDENTIAL NEIGHBORHOOD TO THE INDUSTRIAL AREA.
ZAN (SHIFT)
SHAKA (CRUNCH)
THEY'RE ON SPECIAL RIGHT NOW, SO LET'S GO HAVE SOME FUN!
OKAY! ♡
WE JUST HAVE TO DEPLOY INDIVIDUALLY AND CRUSH EACH AND EVERY ONE OF THEM.

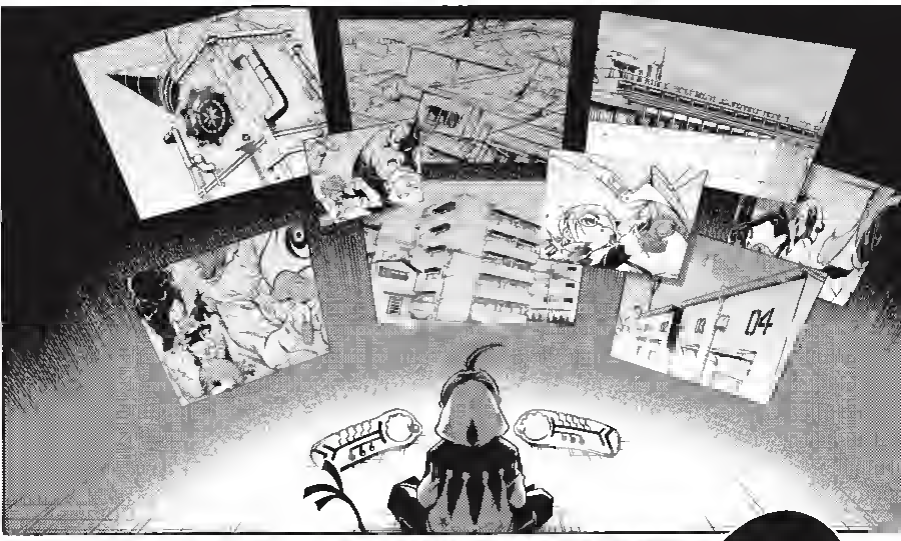
Huuum.
EVERYONE'S GEARS ARE IN PERFECT CONDITION.
HAVE YOU EVER FOUGHT AGAINST MULTIPLE OPPONENTS BEFORE?
YOUKOU, YOU BASTARD.
CAN'T YOU EVEN SEE THAT THIS IS AN EXTRAORDINARY SITUATION, YOU FOOL?
GIN SHINO
KAKUJOU FAMILY RULE NUMBER THIRTY-THREE:
"IF SOMEONE PICKS A FIGHT WITH YOU, JUST FIGHT BACK."
BAKIN (KA) CHAKO
...IF YOU DIE, I'LL PUNISH YOU.

"BLOW AWAY THE SMOKE OF BLOOD WITH NINETY-SEVEN DEGREE STEAM."
"KILL YOUR HEART. THEN KILL THEM."
"LET THE UNRUSTING GEARS TURN."
Hell Yeah!
GASHA GASHA
Y'ALL GO AHEAD!

OKAY!!


SIGN, SHORT REST 2500, NIGHTLY RATE 7200
HOTEL
休憩 2500
宿泊 7200

404
HOTEL
Sweet Time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...YOU KNOW, GEARS...
...WILL STOP WORKING IF EVEN A GRAIN OF SAND OR A SPLINTER JUST A MICRON IN LENGTH WORKS ITS WAY IN...

PORI
CHUNCHU
PORI
PORI
PORI
GURU
GURU
GURU
GURU
CHUCHUU
SO...
...
BAG_POTATO SNACKS
.....
PORI
PORI
PORI
PORI
WE ARE INCREDIBLY BORED HERE.
THEN, UM...
UM...
.....
AHH...
...I GUESS IT'S ABOUT TIME WE HAD SOME FUN.
ZURU (SLIDE)

HFF.
HAH...
HIC!
UHHN...
AAH...
Click.

WHY?
WELL?
?
HIC!
WHY?
...HEY.
HEY...!
WHAT'S WRONG? WHAT ARE YOU DOING IN A DANGEROUS PLACE LIKE THIS...?
WHY? WHY?
WELL? WHY? WHY? WHY? WHY? WHY? WHY? WHY? WHY?
HEY, HEY, WHYYY?
WHY?
WHY?
WHY? WHY? WHY?

WHY'D YOU KILL MY DAD?
"...CAN'T LIVE WITHOUT MY DAD.
"I...

"...MII-NEECHAN?"
"DIDN'T YOU...
"YOU SAID YOU WERE GONNA SAVE HIM...

HAFF!
BIG SIS MIDARI!!
HEY...! YOU'RE WIDE OPEN, YOU KNOW!!
GA (THUD)
WHAT'S WRONG, SIS...?
SIS...!?
Creeaak

.....?
THE BATTLE IS CLOSER THAN I EXPECTED...
IN FACT... IT'S EVEN...?
COB engage
PIKOON (BLINK)
COB engage
GII (CREAK)
YO.
Hm?
The cook from the cafeteria?
SHIBA-SAN!?
BUT YOU NEVER COME OUT OF THE KITCHEN!
WELL, MOVING'S JUST TOO MUCH OF A HASSLE.
(NOT STAGGER)

I'M MAKING BEEF STEW FOR EVERYONE FOR DINNER TONIGHT, SEE?
211
107
COB engage
143 COB engage
HMM... SEE...
...I FIGURED I SHOULD PROOBABLY CHECK ON SOMETHING.
...?
...HOW MUCH DO YOU THINK IS GONNA GO UNEATEN?
.....?

!!!
A NEW SPIDER AT NINE-TWO-THREE-THREE!?
Some-one!
Deal with it...!
NEW
8008

Could it be that the large number of Spiders...
...was just a stalling tactic all along...!?
It's no good... Everyone's already engaged!?
THIS IS BAD...
...IS THIS SPIDER THE REAL THING!?
WHAT ARE WE GOING TO DO...?
SWEET TIME
-BZT-
-KRKL-

Hey.
Point nine-two-three-three, right?
ZAZA (KRAK!)
ZA
...AKUTA'S HEADING IN!☆
Click

NO WAY!
WHOA ...!?
HE'S SEVEN AND A HALF MINUTES AHEAD OF SCHED-ULE...!
HA...
...WAY TO GO, AKUTA-NII!

Ninety more meters.
Straight to your left.
...I'll leave it to you!
...That blue warehouse!
GAGONA CTHWACK!

C4
COMPO
MMPH!
MGH!

A TRAP...!?
I WOULDA BEEN DEAD IF I'D SHOT AT IT FROM OUTSIDE...
CHIK
CLUNK
...AKUTA!
YOU'VE GOTTEN A LOT MORE CAREFUL, HAVEN'T YA?
.....!?
WHAT... ARE YOU DOING HERE...?

...BUT THAT GOATEE JUST DOESN'T WORK, YOU KNOW.

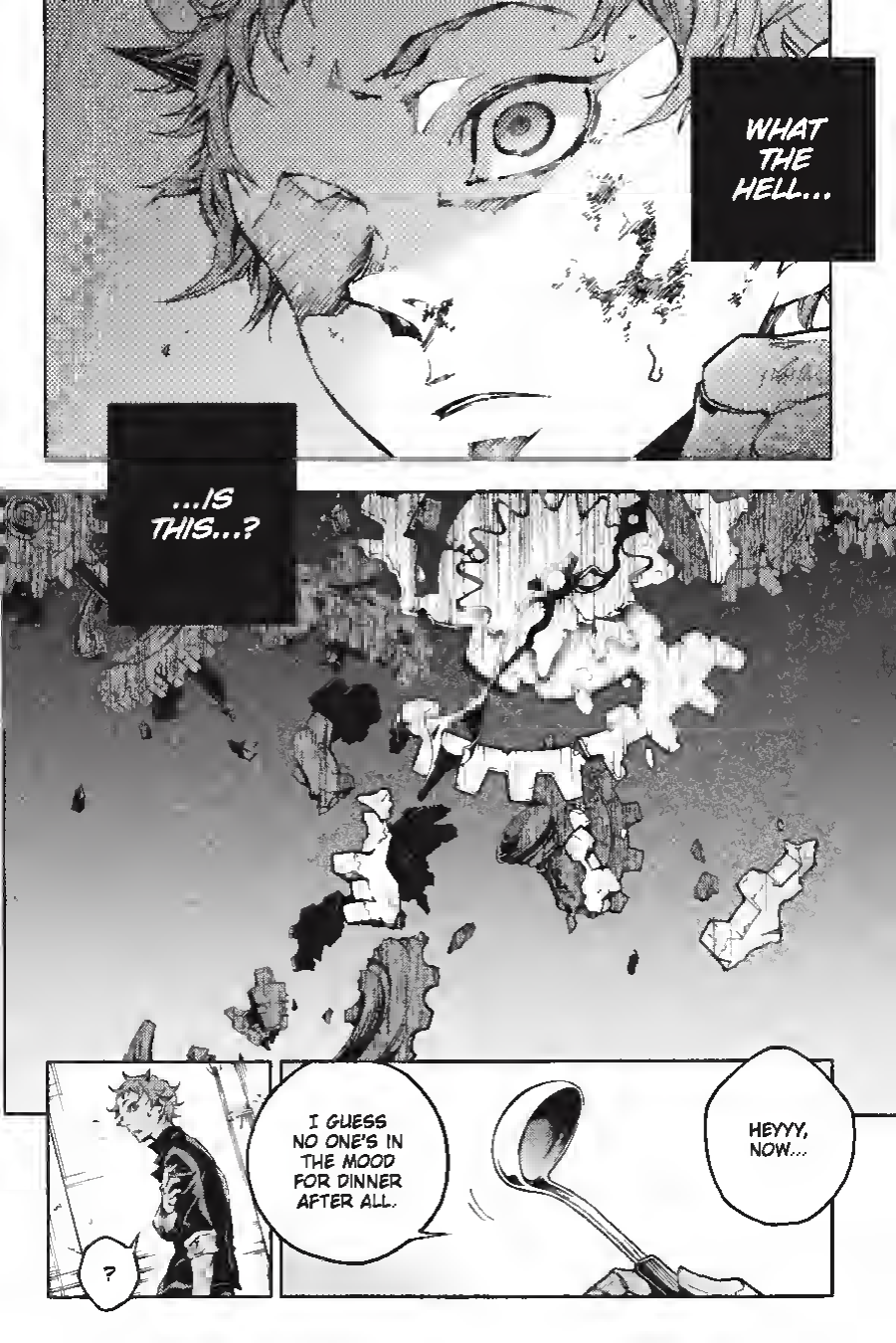
A.ARCS
COM

Sweet Tides
...AHH, GEEZ...
I WAS OFF BY SEVEN WHOLE MINUTES...
SNIFF!
BWA HA!
WE TOOK OUT THE JACKALOPES' MAIN MAN, DIDN'T WE?
WHY ARE YOU CRYING? IT'S SOOO ANNOYING, MIKURO!
SHUSHU (SHWIRL)
HEY! HOW WAS MY ACTING?
HEY, HEY, HEY! HOW WAS IT?
PERFECT, RIGHT? DID YOU MISTAKE ME FOR AN ACTRESS?

BWA HA!
THERE'S A DISCO BALL IN HERE!!
LET'S HAVE A PARTY!
A PARTY!! WELL? WELL?
YEAH, ME TOO.
AT LEAST, WHEN MY HORRIBLE TEAMMATES AND I ARE TOGETHER...
...CELEBRATING THE BLOOD-STAINED SIGHT OF THOSE JACKALOPES BAWLING, AND ANTICIPATING THE INSIDIOUS AND GHASTLY TORMENT TO COME IN THE FUTURE!
IT'S ALL GOOD, RIGHT?
WITH MY THICK COFFEE THAT'S NINETY PERCENT SYRUP...
...AND YOU BASTARDS FOR TEAMMATES, I FEEL LIKE I'M ALWAYS AT A PARTY.

PORI
CRUNCH
PORI
POR
.....
I CAN'T WAIT!
BWA HA!♡

.....
...
...
LET GO! AKUTA-NII...!
—NII!
.....
GET THAT MEDICINE!
...
.....
...HURRY UP AND CLEAR A SPOT!!


WHAT THE HELL...
...IS THIS...?
?
I GUESS NO ONE'S IN THE MOOD FOR DINNER AFTER ALL.
HEYYY, NOW...

THE SPIDERS... NO.
AMENOTORI GOT YOU GUYS, HUH?
TON (THUNK)
...AND THIS IS PROBABLY JUST THE APPETIZER.
SHIBA-SAN...!?
ZAWA (CLAMOR)
...!
...WHO THE HELL ARE YOU?
...YEAH.
THIS OLD MAN WHO CHEATED DEATH IS WORRIED ABOUT YOU GUYS.
...'COS I THINK NOW...

...THE BLOODY FULL-COURSE MEAL IS ABOUT TO BE SERVED.

SMOKIN' PARADE

JINSEI KATAOKA, KAZUMA KONDOU

GRAAAAAARR
#08
...THE BLOODY FULL-COURSE MEAL IS ABOUT TO BE SERVED.
KATSU OTAKO
Click...

MEN HAVE TO BE COOL...
...AND SMART...
...AND WILD.
!?
チッ
BACHIN (KA-CHAK)
THAT IS A TRUE MAN. ...IN OTHER WORDS...
...ME.

# #08
# SPARE NO EFFORT

COOKING CHOPSTICKS
POR!
POR! (SKRITCH)
NO WAAA—
AAA
AY!
WELL...
AHH.
BACK THEN, SHIBA-SAN WAS PRETTY ELEGANT.
YEAH, YEAH.

BAN (SLAM)
THERE'S NO WAY HE COULD HAVE BEEN STRONGER THAN AKUTA-N!!!
THIS IS THE CRAPPY COOK WHO MAKES EVERYTHING WAY TOO SPICY, YOU KNOW!?
PON (THWIP)
OHH!
SO IT'S NOT A LIE, IT'S JUST THAT YOU GUYS ARE CAUGHT UP IN NOSTALGIA ABOUT THE PAST?
SOME SAD ADULT FANTASY OR SOME-THING?
DENY-ING IT ALL
HUH? DON'T YOU MEAN CRAPPY-BUT-AWESOME?
HE GOES FOR QUANTITY OVER QUALITY, SO THAT'S GOOD.
...IS THIS REALLY THE TIME TO BE SITTING AROUND GOSSIPING?
WE JUST GOT ASSAULTED BY A BUNCH OF MYSTERIOUS SPIDERS...

...EVERYONE'S BODIES AND GEARS ARE ALL FALLING APART...
...AND BIG SIS MIDARI IS STILL ACTING WEIRD...
BOTO (PLOP)
HMM...
...AKUTA STILL HASN'T WOKEN UP...
FUP (STAGGER)
I'M JUST GLAD I LISTENED TO SHIBA-SAN'S "WARNING"...
HOW MUCH OF MY STEW... DO YOU THINK IS GONNA GO UNEATEN?
...AND GOT ENOUGH MEDICAL-GRADE STEAM READY TO TREAT EVERYONE.

OTHERWISE I'D PROBABLY BE COMPLETELY SWAMPED RIGHT ABOUT NOW.
...MAKING FAR TOO MANY COFFINS.
.....
WELL...
...SOMEONE'S DECIDED TO START EXTERMINATING DEMONS."
SO...
...NOW THAT WE'VE FALLEN INTO A TRAP AND LOST OUR BEST FIGHTER...

HERA CGRIND
...I GUESS THAT MEANS I'M TAKING COMMAND OF THE JACKALOPES.
OHH...
SHIBA-SAN'S BACK!
GATA CCLATTER
WHA ...?
BEEP!

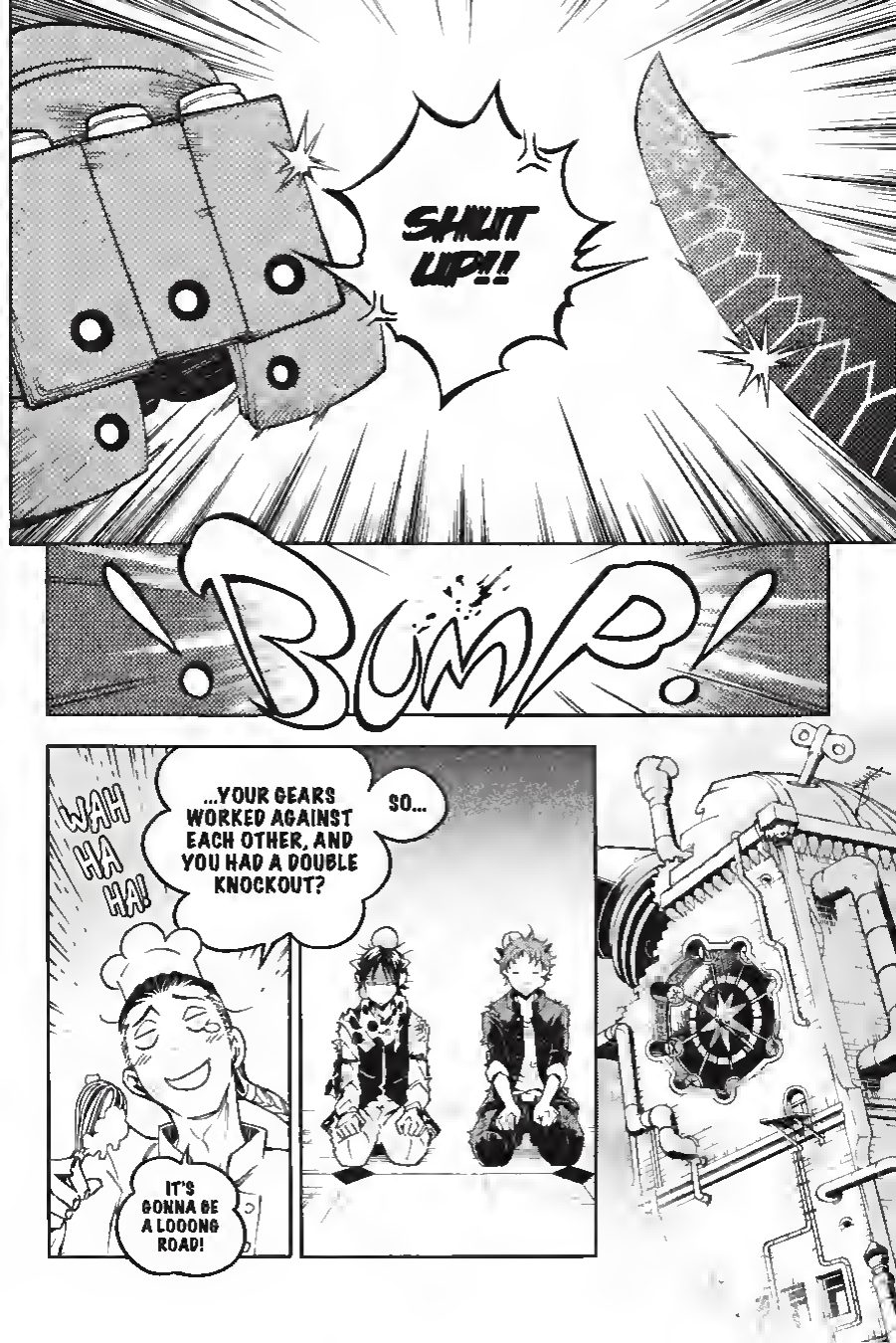
KATA CLACK!
KATA
...What should we do, Shiba-san...?
Spider at point two-eight-three-three-four!!
.....!
BEEP
AT A TIME LIKE THIS...?
HNNGH!
WE DON'T HAVE THE MEN TO DEAL WITH SOME LOWLY SPIIIDER.
...WE'RE ON BREAK!
...WAIT!
WHY'RE WE ON BREAK?
IF WE DON'T TAKE CARE OF THE SPIDERS, THEY'LL BE OUT ATTACKING PEOPLE.
Click.
Click.
THAT DESERVES PUNISH-MENT.
IF WE NEED TO FILL THE HOLE LEFT BY AKUTA-NII, I'LL DO IT.

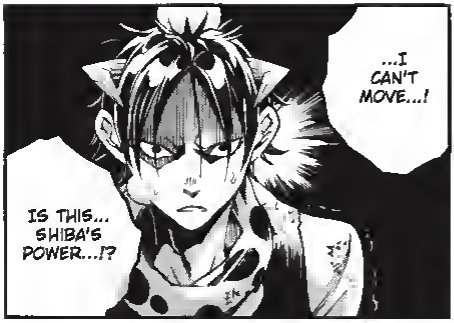
.....
...MUST BE NICE TO BE SO YOUNG.
...OH?
[illegible] (MUMBLE)
...THEN I GUESS WE MIGHT AS WELL TAKE ADVANTAGE OF THAT YOUTH IN MAKING OUR NEXT MOVE.
HYURUN (FWOOSH)
!?

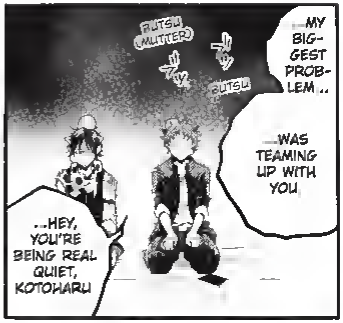
HUH?
DON (TA-DAA)
PASTA SHACKLES.
(*SUPER AL DENTE.)
...DO YOU KNOW WHY THEY WENT AFTER AKUTA?
BECAUSE HE'S NOT GREEN LIKE YOU TWO.
GICHICHI (TUG)
GICHI
WITH HIM!?
WHAA I?
SCREW THAT, OLD MAN!!
IF YOU TWO CAN FIGHT WITH THOSE ON, YOU CAN GO RIIIGHT AHEAD.

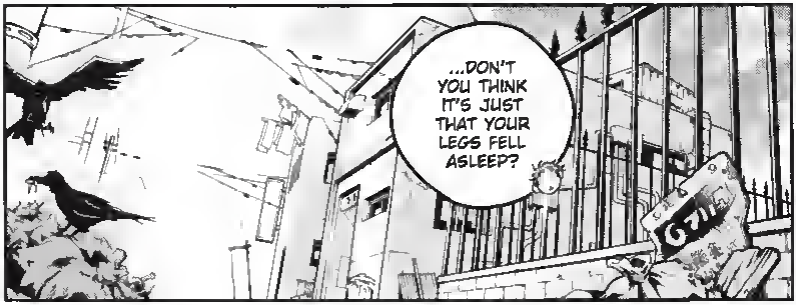
YOU SHOULD TRY LEARNING SOME TEAMWORK BEFORE YOU SPOUT OFF LIKE THAT.
AND YOU LITTLE GREEN BRATS CAN JUST CALL ME "MASTER SHIBA"!
ALSO, BE BACK BY DINNER TIME.
POINT 28334
Hair Salon
Menu
Cut
Color
Perm
Styling
KYAA!
AH!
HAIR!

GASSHAN (CRASH)
WANNA SHRED IT...!
!?
M-M-M-MORE!
I WANNA CUT MORE HAIR!
FIKI (CRRIK)
SHAKIN (SNIIP)
CUT HAIR ...!
BORO
I HAVE A PROSTHETIC LEG HERE!
IT MAKES MY STRIDE LONGER, YOU KNOW!
HAFF!
BORO (BATTERED)
HAFF!
WE HAVE TO RUN IN SYNC! RIGHT, LEFT!
...I TOLD YOU!


SHUT UP!!
BUMP!
WAH HA HA!
...YOUR GEARS WORKED AGAINST EACH OTHER, AND YOU HAD A DOUBLE KNOCKOUT?
SO...
IT'S GONNA BE A LOOONG ROAD!


...I CAN'T MOVE...!
IS THIS... SHIBA'S POWER...!?


FUTSU (MUTTER)
FUTSU
FUTSU
...MY BIGGEST PROBLEM..
...WAS TEAMING UP WITH YOU
...HEY, YOU'RE BEING REAL QUIET, KOTOHARU


...DON'T YOU THINK IT'S JUST THAT YOUR LEGS FELL ASLEEP?

HEY, HEY, WHY?
THOSE SILLY BLACK DEMONS ARE TOTALLY WRECKED RIGHT NOW, HUH?
ISN'T THIS OUR CHANCE TO TAKE THEM OUT?
SO WHY ARE WE JUST LYING AROUND?

AFTER ALL, IT WOULD HARDLY BE SATISFYING TO KILL THEM RIGHT AWAY.
WE'RE GOING TO FILL THEM SO FULL OF FEAR THAT THEY'LL WET THEMSELVES AT THE SOUND OF AN ANT APPROACHING.

KURU (TURN)
HOW SO!?
SHE'S THE QUEEN OF SADISTS! WE'RE TALKING MENGELE LEVELS HERE!
JUST LOOK AT THIS!
DORO (OOZE)
...YOU AND CHIEF SCIENTIST KURAMA REALLY GET ON WELL, DON'CHA...
...MIKURO?

NOTE: MENGELE WAS A NAZI DOCTOR HE CONDUCTED COUNTLESS UNETHICAL HUMAN EXPERIMENTS AT AUSCHWITZ

BUT I DO THIS OUT OF LOVE.
SFX: GIRI (GRIND) GIRI GIRI GIRI...
SHE SPENT TWO WHOLE HOURS SCOLDING ME AND PINCHING ME FOR WASTING THE SPIDERS SHE LET ME BORROW!
EEEEEK!
...ISN'T THAT RIGHT...
YOU HAVE TO HAVE LOVE BEHIND YOUR PAIN AND SUFFERING.
...MII-NEECHAN...?
GUTSU (CRUMBLE)
GUTSU

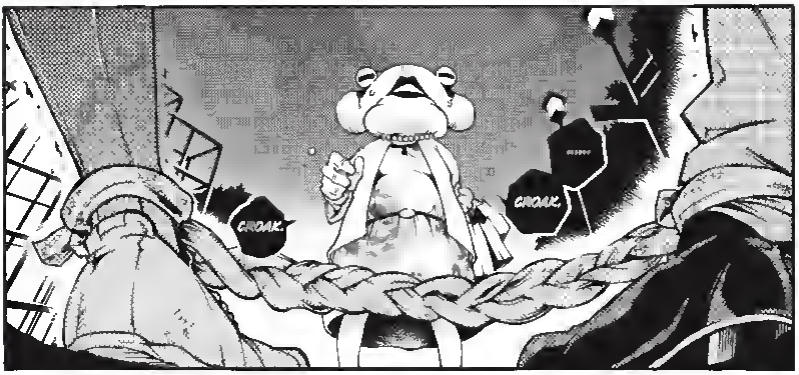
...IS IT BAD?
ZUZU (SLURP)
YOU CAN'T TELL WHAT IT TASTES LIKE EITHER, CAN YOU?
IF YOU JUST WANNA GET YOURSELF DRUNK, THEN GO DRINK SOME METHANOL.
...I'M NOT HAVING ANY PROBLEMS WITH MY SENSE OF TASTE.
I JUST HAVE A FEW MEMORY ISSUES.
...DO THOSE KIDS NOT KNOW YET...
...THAT THE GEARS TAKE A TOLL ON YOUR BODY?

...WHAT MEMORY DID YOU GET BACK?
DURING THE BUST-UP THE OTHER DAY?
...THEN, MIDARI...
...WHAT DID YOU LOSE?
...OR RATHER ...
THEY HAVE TO LEARN FOR THEMSELVES THAT IN ORDER TO GET SOMETHING, YOU HAVE TO GIVE SOMETHING UP.

.....
SHIBA-CCHI...
...I'VE ALWAYS THOUGHT...

...GUYS JUST AREN'T ATTRACTIVE WHEN THEY'RE TOO CLEVER.
2
...ZZZ...
ZZZ
I BROUGHT YOU A MIDNIGHT SNACK, BOYS!
AAH!?
THERE. HEAR THAAAT?
HOT !??
ODEN!?

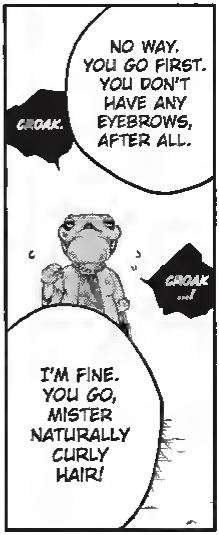
NOTE: KONNYAKU IS A JELLY MADE OF A STARCHY PLANT FOR SOME TRADITIONAL JAPANESE DISHES


GROAK.
GROAK.

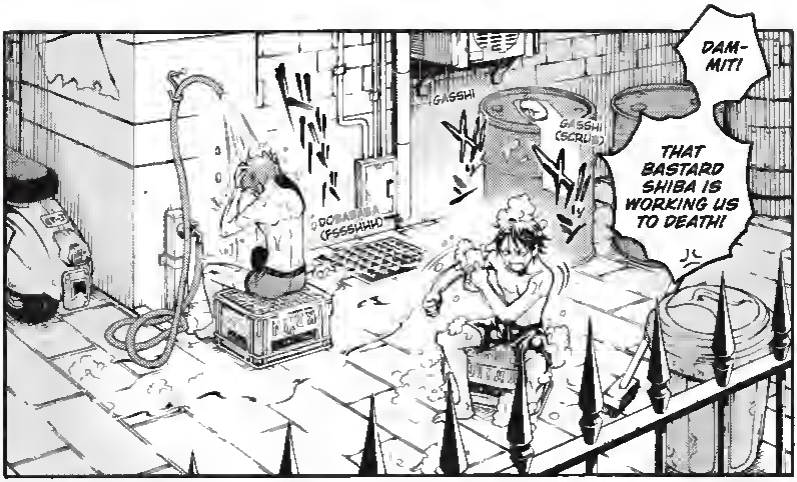
GO RIGHT AHEAD. I ALREADY TOLD YOU. YOU GO FIRST.
IRA
IRA
IRA (IRK)
IRA
...COME ON. YOU GO AT IT FIRST.
YOU'RE HAVING PROBLEMS AFTER ALL

XXXX XXXX?
XXXX XXX!
XXX XX!
POTSUUN (ALONE)
GAROAK.

I SAID I'D LET YOU HAVE IT, YOU SLASHING STALKER!
SHOW SOME RESPECT FOR YOUR EVER-GENEROUS SENPAI, YOU BRAINLESS BLUNT WEAPON!

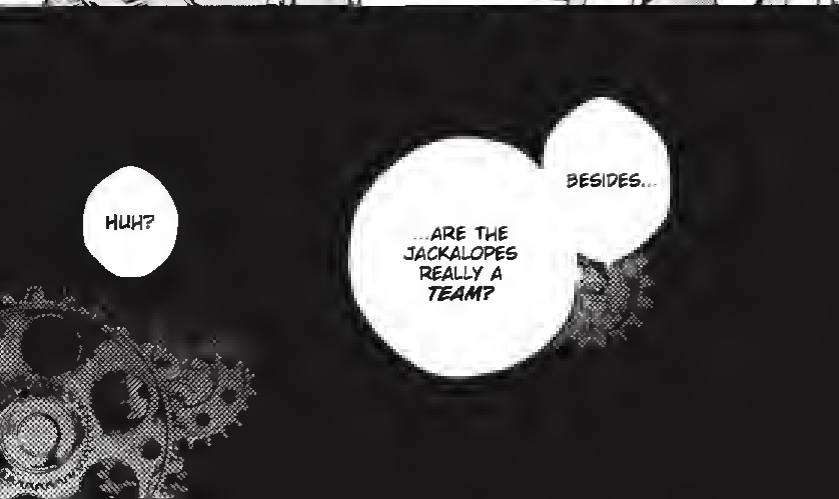

NO WAY. YOU GO FIRST. YOU DON'T HAVE ANY EYEBROWS, AFTER ALL.
GROAK.
GROAK ...!
I'M FINE. YOU GO, MISTER NATURALLY CURLY HAIR!

GRRRR-
BLRRGH!
BICHAAAA
(SPLORT)
CHUN
CHUN
CHUN
(CHIRP)
That
smell!
SHOO!
SHOO!
Don't
you dare
come in
heeeere!
PUUUN
ZURU
ZURU
(CRIP)
.....
PUUUN
(BZZZ)
BUUUN


DAM-MIT!
THAT BASTARD SHIBA IS WORKING US TO DEATH!
GASSHI
GASSHI (SCRUB)
DOBASHA (FSSSHHH)

UP UNTIL JUNIOR HIGH, I THOUGHT DODGEBALL AND BASEBALL WERE GAMES YOU PLAYED ALONE.
...I DON'T GIVE A CRAP ABOUT YOUR SAD PAST.

I STILL REEK.
WHAT EVEN IS "TEAM-WORK"?
I'VE NEVER HAD TEAMMATES OR BUDDIES BEFORE, SO I JUST DON'T GET IT.


HUH?
BESIDES...
...ARE THE JACKALOPES REALLY A *TEAM*?

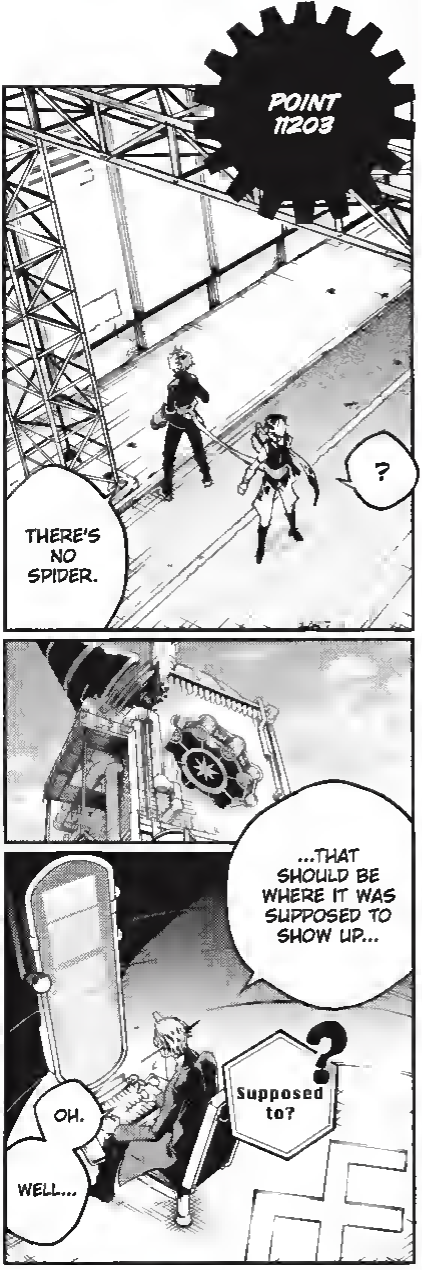
I JUST...
...WANNA CRUSH THE CHANCES OF THERE BEING MORE PEOPLE LIKE MY SISTER.
THAT'S ALL.
.....
KA CLACK!
AND I FOUND SOME-THING.
...I LOOKED INTO THINGS, JUST AS YOU ASKED.

I KNEW IT.
LET'S HURRY UP AND GET THE DETAILS.
DOC.
DO YOU KNOW WHO AT AMENOTORI WOULD BE LIKELY TO GO DEMON HUNTING?
Hmm...
There were tags on the bodies of the dead Spiders.
And on closer inspection, the clothes too.
...Probably my sister.
...THEY WERE PROBABLY MY SISTER'S EXPERIMENTAL SUBJECTS.
...I figured. But...

...THE MAIN PERPETRATOR BEHIND THIS ATTACK FITS A DIFFERENT PROFILE.
HUH?
TON (TAP)
ONLY PERCEPTION AND INTUITION REALLY WORK FOR OLD MEN.
I'LL LEAVE THE PHYSICAL STUFF AND THE REALLY HAAARD WORK...
...TO THE KIDS.

DADA
DASH!
MY YOUTH!
CURSE MY DAMNED YOUTH...!
...JUST US AGAIN!?
AWWW...
IT'S THOSE TWO AGAIN!?
GYAA (SQUABBLE) GYAA
HMM...
HEY, HEY!
I CAN'T STAND THIS ANYMORE!
I'M BORED JUST SITTING HERE!

I'VE BEEN USING UP LOTS AND LOTS OF SPIDERS...
...TO TRY AND MONITOR THE BLACK DEMONS, AND YET...
MIGHT AS WELL MAKE A MOVE.
FORI CHUNCHU
LET'S START BY KILLING THIS STUPID DOUBLE ACT, OKAY?


POINT 11203
?
THERE'S NO SPIDER.
...THAT SHOULD BE WHERE IT WAS SUPPOSED TO SHOW UP...
Supposed to?
OH.
WELL...

I DON'T SEE A THING...
DOM (THUD)

!?
WHEN DID THAT GET HERE!?
WHEN DID IT ATTACK US!?
.....
KUI (CLICK)
IDIOT, STOP IT...!
KOFF!
EIN (THANG)
DAM-MIT...!

PITA
(STOP)
PI
(TAP)

WHAT THE HELL
IS WITH THIS SPIDER!?
Click
...YOUKOU.
DON'T SAY WHAT I WAS THINKING BEFORE I GET THE CHANCE.
Click
...KOTO-HARU.
I WANNA DISSOLVE OUR PARTNER-SHIP.

DON
(FWOOSH)
!
POSHA!

LOOK BACK!
I'LL GAUGE WHERE HE'S LOOKING AND...
IT'S BARELY MOVING. ...IT CAN'T MOVE.
I'LL USE ITS CENTER OF GRAVITY AND...
...END YOU!
...CUT YOU!

HAGYUN
GWOOSH!

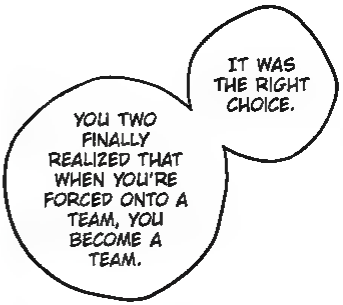

...THEN, MY NEXT MOVE WILL BE...


POINT TWO SECONDS LATE...
TCH

DON
(WHAM)

...AND I STAYED UP ALL NIGHT PUTTING THIS TOGETHER TOO!
MY ELEPHANT'S ALL RUINED.
WOW! YOU MADE THAT YOURSELF?
WAIT, NO! WHY ARE YOU DOING THIS!?
I DON'T KNOW ANYTHING ABOUT YOU BOYS.
I WANTED TO GET A FEEL FOR WHAT YOU'RE LIKE AND HOW YOU FIGHT.
HA!
SO YOU CAUGHT MEEE.
HUH?
...I THOUGHT SOMETHING WASN'T RIGHT...
...BUT WHAT IS THIS?

?
NAH, I JUST COULDN'T BE BOTHERED.
I WAS JUST MOVING ON MY OWN.


IT WAS THE RIGHT CHOICE.
YOU TWO FINALLY REALIZED THAT WHEN YOU'RE FORCED ONTO A TEAM, YOU BECOME A TEAM.

...OR QUESTION THEIR ABILITIES.
...YOU DON'T WORRY ABOUT...
WHEN YOU SHARE THE SAME VIEWPOINT AS SOMEONE... WHEN YOU ARE LOOKING IN THE SAME DIRECTION...
THAT'S RIGHT.

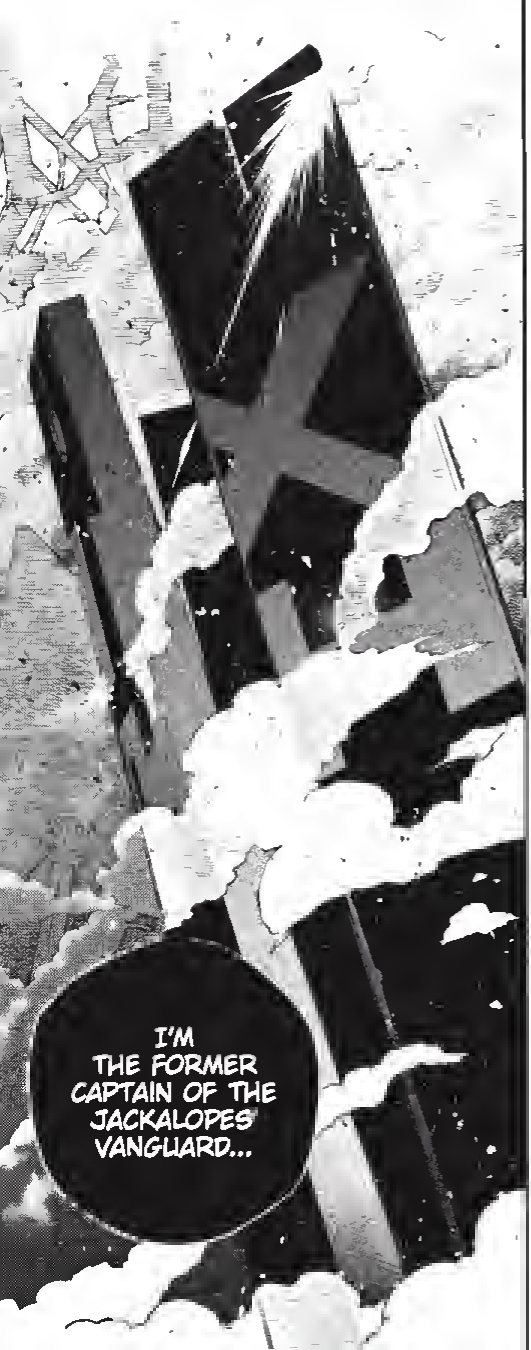
LETTING TWO DIFFERENT FLAVORS SHARE THE SPOTLIGHT TOGETHER IS WHAT MAKES FOR A GOOD DISH.
DANGER!

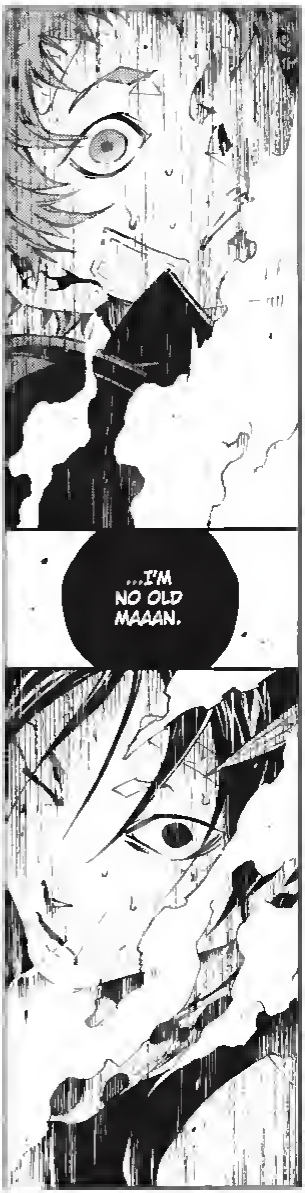
REMEMBER THAT, BOYS.
...AND...
...SORRY FOR TAKING OVER YOUR LITTLE FARCE.
I THINK IT'S ABOUT TIME FOR YOU LOT TO IDENTIFY YOURSELVES.
?
SHUKU (SHHF)
BWA HA!
GUESS THEY FOUND US OUT!
WELL, YOU WERE STARING RIGHT AT THEM.

SHIKAGURA.
EIGHT-EYED FOX SPIRIT... FURY!
HI!♡
THE EIGHT-EYED SERPENT... OLD MAN MAJIMA!
...THAT'S ME!

THOSE TWO ARE SPIDERS!?
THAT FORE-HEAD...
"EIGHT-EYED"...?
!?
HMM?
SO THOSE TWO HIDING ABOUT A KILO-METER AWAY AREN'T GONNA INTRODUCE THEMSELVES?
KOKI (CRACK)
PIKI (CRACK)
GUESS WE'LL JUST HAVE TO KILL YOU!
PIKI
PIKI (CRACK)
...WHOA, REALLY?
YOU RE STILL WAY TOO SHARP AS EVER
...!

DOOKAAN (FWOOOOM)
NGH ...!
.....
OLD MAN...!


I'M THE FORMER CAPTAIN OF THE JACKALOPES' VANGUARD...


...I'M NO OLD MAAAN.

.....!
PLEASED TO MEET YOUUU.
...AND CURRENT COOK AND BARTENDER, SHIBA.

Okay.
H: 2234,
Y: 4583,
Z: 9055.
GIVE ME ITS CURRENT LOCATION.
WH-WHY? HOW?
GIVE US SOME ORDERS..!
WHAT THE HELL IS THAT!?
(FWIP)
AND YOU IN THERE, YOU LISTENING TOO?

I said, pleased to meet you...
...little puppet master watching from your special seat.
You're a theatrical sadist...
Do you get off obsessing over Midari?
Scopophilia?
...Is it that you're just that hideous?
Or maybe you're a tiny thing that never hit puberty?
"Shikagura," huh? Sounds like the name of a ramen shop that's about to go under.
Erotophonophilia?

You dark, twisted little shit who's still sucking off his mommy's tit.
.....!
E—
GIRI (GRIND)
EVERY-ONE...!
FALL BACK...!
FU (WHOOSH)

ALL OF THE SIGNALS WE DETECTED...
...HAVE BEEN SUCCESSFULLY SHUT DOWN!
Hm.
THE MISSION WAS A SUCCESS.
HEY!
DID YOU USE THE TWO OF US AS BAIT?
OLD MA... I MEAN, MASTER SHIBA.
HMM.
PACHIN (CRUNCH)
...SEE YOU.

I FIGURED SOMEONE WHO'D COME UP WITH SUCH A NASTY PLOT LIKE THAT ONE...
I WANTED TO PINPOINT THE LINES THEY HAD SCATTERED AROUND TO MONITOR THE JACKALOPES.
...WOULD ONLY MAKE A MOVE ONCE THEY HAD AN INFORMATION NETWORK.
IT WOULD HAVE BEEN EVEN BETTER IF WE'D BEEN ABLE TO HACK THEM.
BUT I GUESS THEY WEREN'T THAAAT STUPID.
PITY.
...HE REALLY IS...
...COULD IT BE...
...AMAZING...?
...THIS OLD MAN...?

YOU CAN EAT THAT, YOU KNOW.
IT'S SOY-SAUCE FLAVORED.
MYOON (DROOP)
...BUT FORGET THAT!
GET THIS SOBA OFF OF US!

...HA.
GIGI (CLENCH)
...KILL!
KILL, KILL...!
HAH!
HFF!

HA!
HA AH
HA HA
...! HA
HOW SHOULD I KILL HIM?
I'M SO EXCITED...!
AH
HA!
.....
...HAAH.
HUMAN-SHAPED SPIDERS... WHO AREN'T TOOOTALLY OFF THEIR ROCKERS, HUH?
...I COULDN'T AVOID USING MY GEARS.
MEN

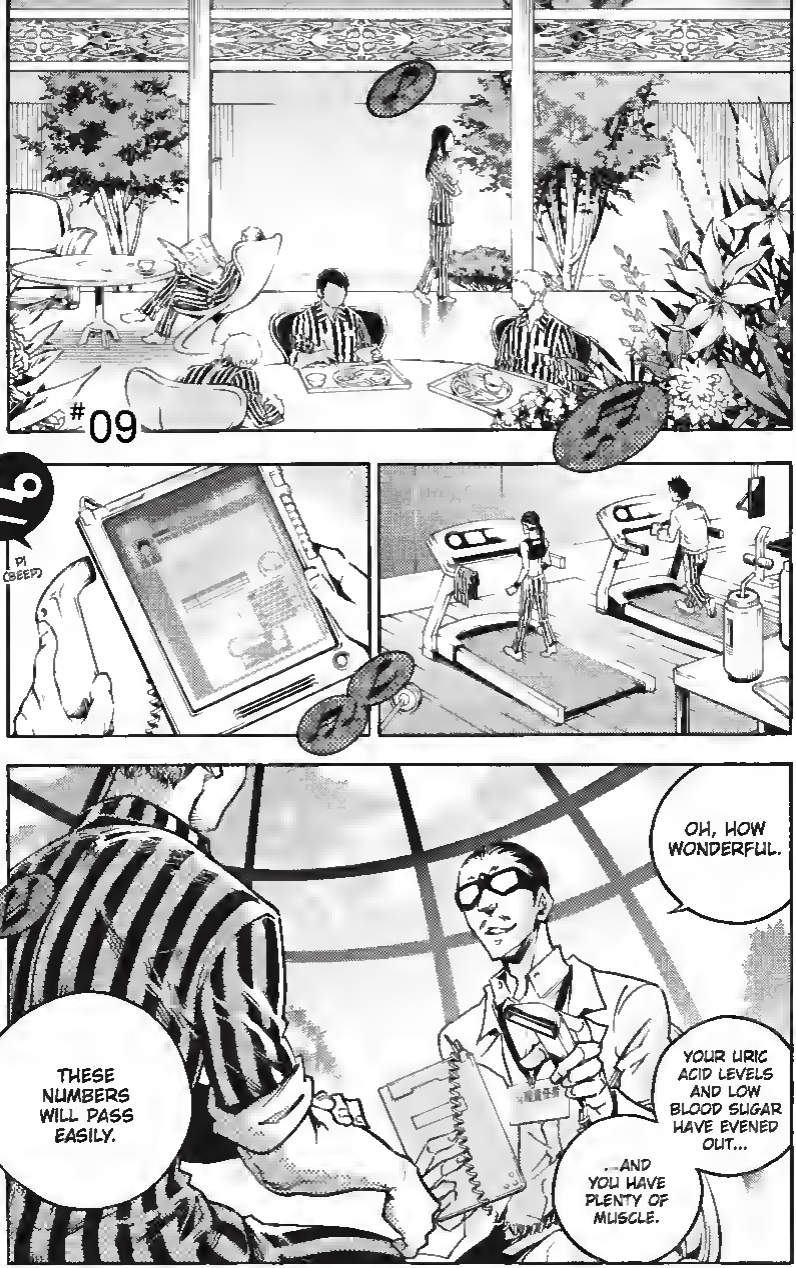
.....
...I'M GONNA HAVE TO HURRY.
BOTA (DRIP)

AHHH... MY BACK HURTS.

SMOKIN' PARADE

THE WORLD
IS DEAD,
THE PARADE WILL
START.

JINSEI KATAOKA
KAZUMA KONDOU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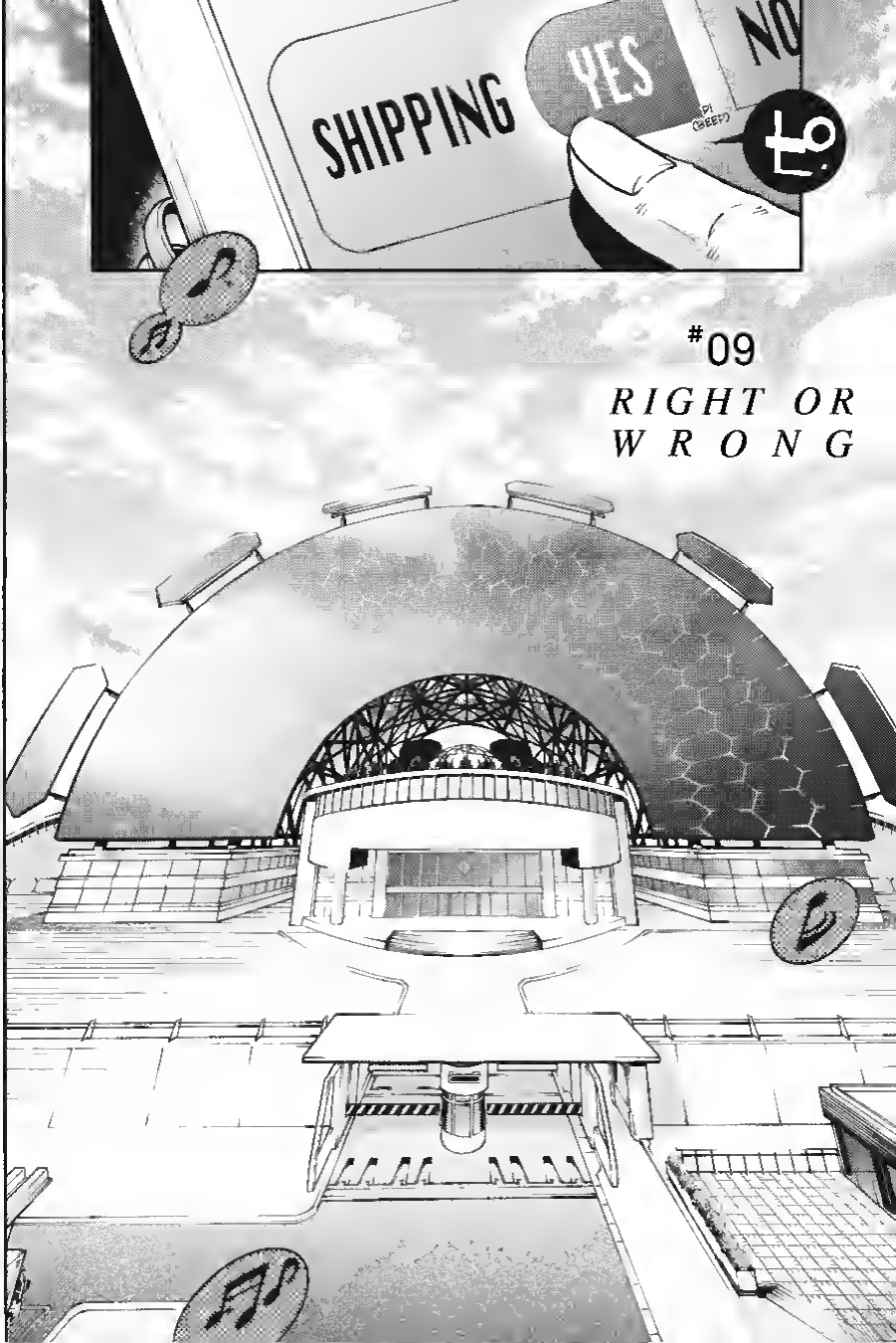
PI (BEEP)
THESE NUMBERS WILL PASS EASILY.
...AND YOU HAVE PLENTY OF MUSCLE.
YOUR URIC ACID LEVELS AND LOW BLOOD SUGAR HAVE EVENED OUT...
OH, HOW WONDERFUL.




# #09
# *RIGHT OR WRONG*

HELLO THERE, METAL MAN.
HERE'S YOUR DELIVERY FOR THIS WEEK.
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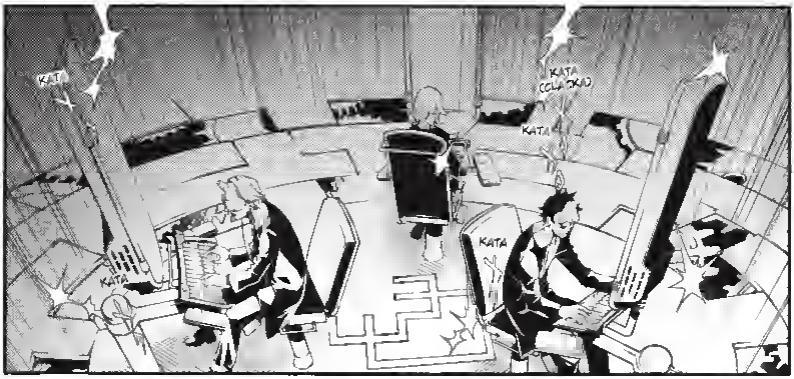
APRON: FISH
FIFTY RED BEERS, FORTY KILOS OF MEAT BLOCKS, VARIOUS OTHER THINGS.
IF YOU THINK YOU'RE GOING TO STIFF ME AGAIN, I'M GOING TO LICK YOU ALL OVER, YOU KNOW.
HEH HEHI
I'LL PAY, I'LL PAY!
REALLY, DON'T
STILL, YOU ORDERED SURPRISINGLY GOOD STUFF THIS TIME, DIDN'T YOU?
DID I?
...HEY.
THOSE ARMS OF YOURS...
DON'T USE THEM FOR ANYTHING BUT COOKING, OKAY?

YOU'RE A GOOD WOMAN.
...THANKS, GRANDMA.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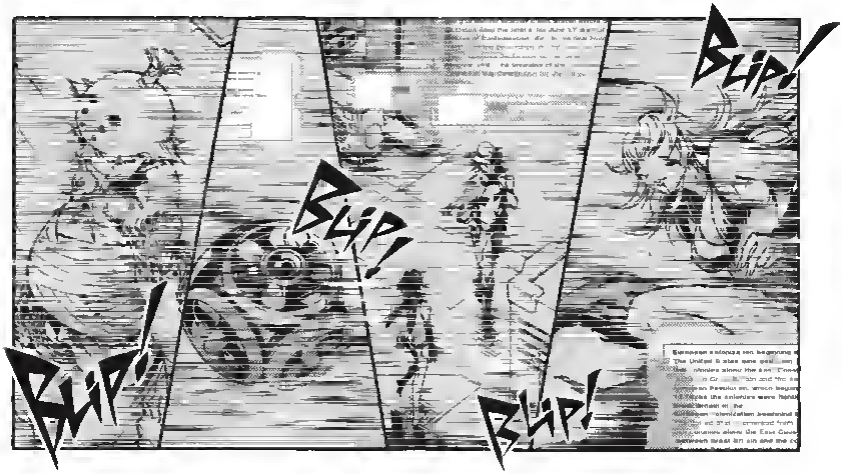
BLIP!
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CODE:
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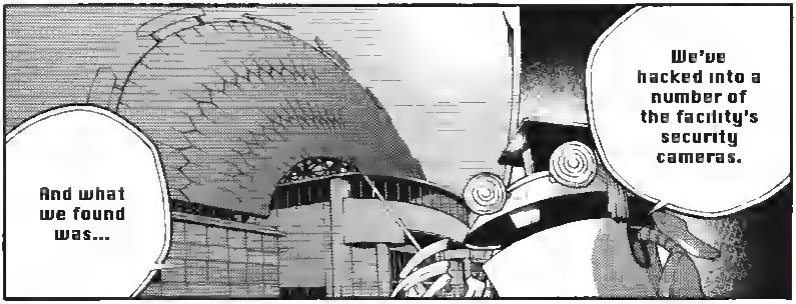
SICKAGGRA
...HUMAN-SHAPED, AUTONOMOUS SPIDERS, HUH?
THEY'RE MAKING THEMSELVES SOME NASTIES, AREN'T THEY...? "SHIKAGURA"...
MAYBE IT'S WRITTEN "FOUR KAGURA," SO THERE'S FOUR OF THEM...?

NAH.
THERE WERE ATTACKS FROM FOUR DIRECTIONS...
...PLUS OUR BEHIND-THE-SCENES CONDUCTOR, SO PROOOBABLY FIVE OF THEM...
AND WE FOUND OUT SOMETHING MORE...
We mapped fluctuations in power data with the flow of money for a few thousand transplantees.
We examined countless wiretaps and news reports.
...And as a result, we have successfully identified a facility that could be called their weak point.



THEY PROBABLY CAN'T SURVIVE IF THEY DON'T GET THEIR MAINTENANCE AT THE FACILITY.

UNSTABLE, UNFINISHED EXPERIMENTS...

TIME CODE 11:7

...THAT'S...
...WHAT WE'VE LEARNED FROM OUR INVESTIGATION. NOW WE SHOULD ALL THINK ABOUT WHAT WE WANT TO—
IS THEIR MISSION TO DESTROY THE JACKA-LOPES?
IF SO, THEN WE SHOULD KILL THEM BEFORE THEY KILL US.
IF THEY'RE GONNA PICK A FIGHT WITH US, WE HAVE TO FIGHT BACK.
IT DOESN'T EVEN MATTER WHETHER IT'S RIGHT OR WRONG.
IT DOESN'T MATTER HOW MANY OF THEM THERE ARE OR HOW STRONG THEY ARE

THE ONE WHO HURT AKUTA-NII...!
GIRI (GRIP)
WE FIND THE GUY WHO MESSED WITH MIDARI-NEE.
KACHI (CLICK)
WE GO TO THAT FACILITY...
AND WE CRUSH THEM!

GUH?
GAN CTHWACK!
SA CHWISH
STOP TALKING LIKE I'VE BEEN KILLED!
HEY, KOTOHARU.
IF I LET MY GUARD DOWN, YOU'D OPERATE ON ME TO GIVE ME SOME WEIRD NEW MODS, SO IT'S NOT LIKE I COULD JUST RELAX!
HEY!
AKUTA!?
DID YOU TURN OFF THE SEDATIVE GAS AGAIN!?
HUH? BUT DON'T YOU WANT A COUPLE EXTRA RIBS?
ONES THAT COULD SERVE AS AN EXO-SKELETON IN A PINCH!
...AKUTA.

.....
NO WAY.
YOU SHOULD GO GET SOME MORE REST.
...THEN I GUESS WE'LL JUST HAVE TO DO IT.
...YOU GUYS REEEALLY LIKE PUSHING IT, DON'T YOU?

OPERATION...
OPERATION: EXTERMINATE THE SHIKAGURA.

XII
II
YEAH!
IT'S COOKING TIME, YOU BASTARDS!
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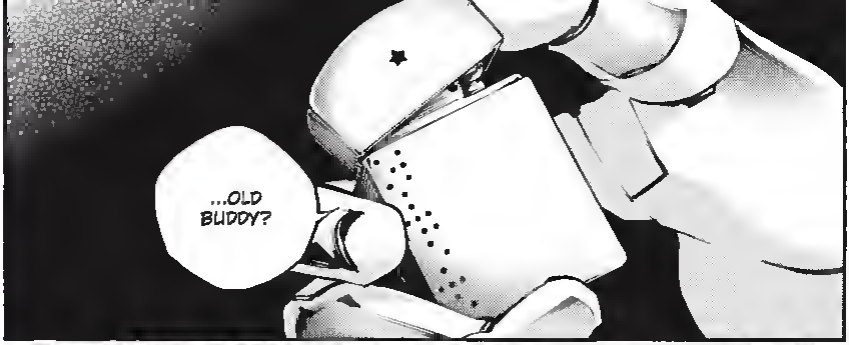
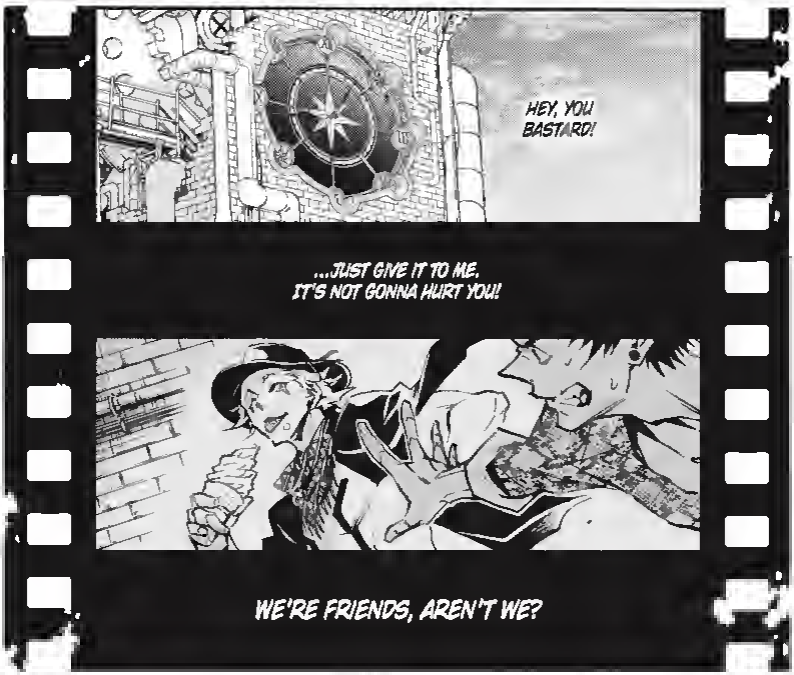
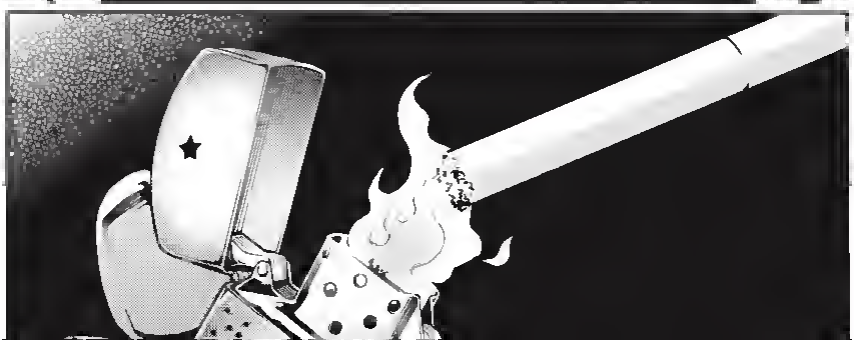
CLEAR
ZOOM
Pi. Pi.
...HEY.
WHAT'S GOING ON?
YOU'RE DOING JUST FINE, AREN'T YOU...


...OLD BUDDY?


HEY, YOU BASTARD!
...JUST GIVE IT TO ME, IT'S NOT GONNA HURT YOU!
WE'RE FRIENDS, AREN'T WE?



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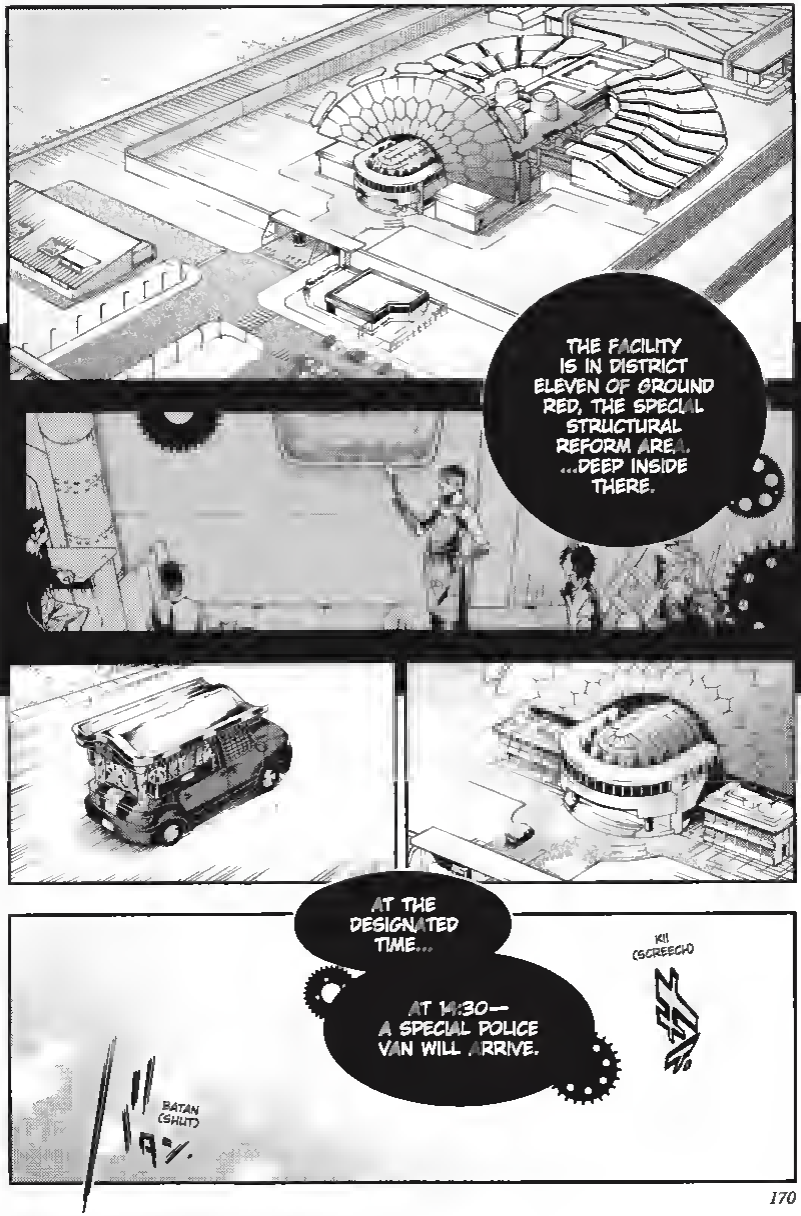
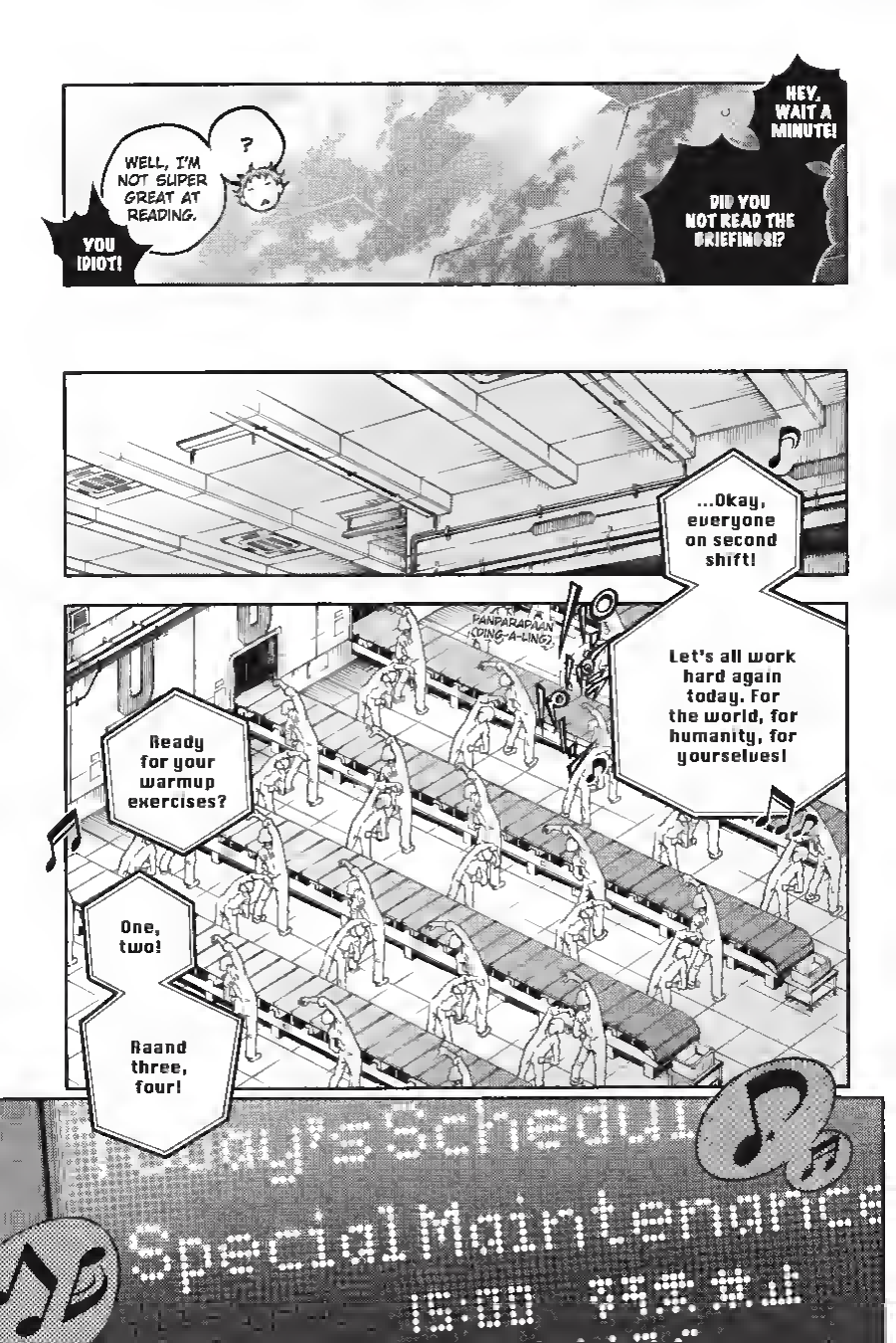

THE FACILITY IS IN DISTRICT ELEVEN OF GROUND RED, THE SPECIAL STRUCTURAL REFORM AREA. ...DEEP INSIDE THERE.
AT THE DESIGNATED TIME...
AT 14:30— A SPECIAL POLICE VAN WILL ARRIVE.
KI! (SCREECH)
BATAN (SHUT)

AND SHIKAGURA WILL MAKE THEIR APPEARANCE.

EACH TEAM WILL ACT INDEPENDENTLY AFTER SECURING ASSIGNED KEY POINTS.
SIGN CAUTION
小心
HEY, SO WHAT SORT OF FACILITY IS THIS ANYWAY?
HMM?
I HEARD IT'S THE ONLY EXTERNALLY CONTROLLED FACTORY THAT AMENOTORI DOES BUSINESS WITH...


HEY, WAIT A MINUTE!
DID YOU NOT READ THE BRIEFING?!
WELL, I'M NOT SUPER GREAT AT READING.
?
YOU IDIOT!
...Okay, everyone on second shift!
PANPARAPAUN (DING-A-LING)
Let's all work hard again today. For the world, for humanity, for yourselves!
Ready for your warmup exercises?
One, two!
Raand three, four!
Special Maintenance
18:00 ??:??

TEAM A, YOU TRAP SHIKAGURA, THE MAIN DISH, INSIDE THE FACILITY.
THE BARRICADE SYSTEM IS ON THE BACK OF THE MEZZANINE, IN THE CENTRAL OPERATIONS ROOM.
SIGN: CENTRAL OPERATIONS ROOM. AUTHORIZED PERSONNEL ONLY
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...THIS IS BAD. THERE'S SOMEONE IN THERE.
WANT TO REGROUP FOR NOW?
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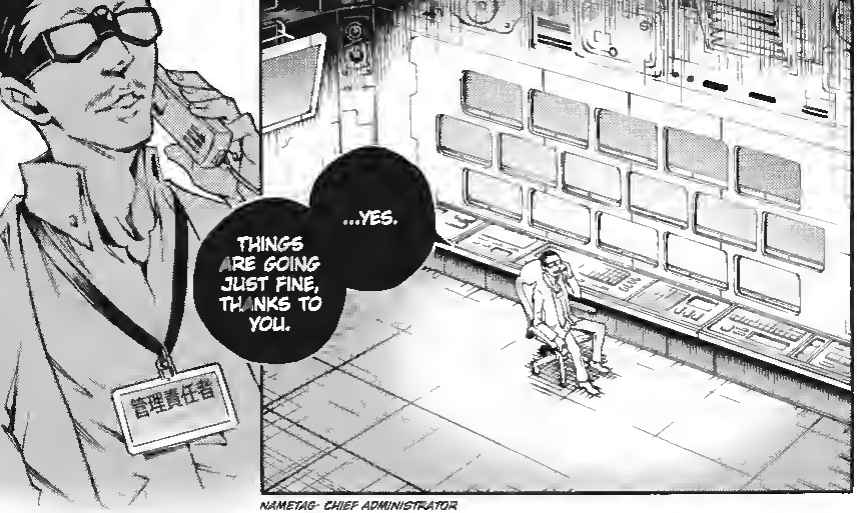


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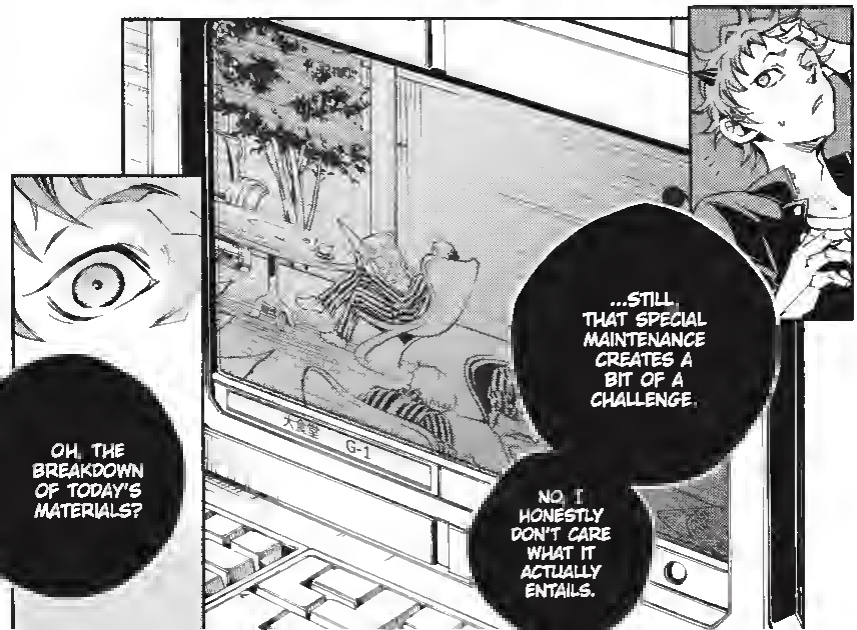
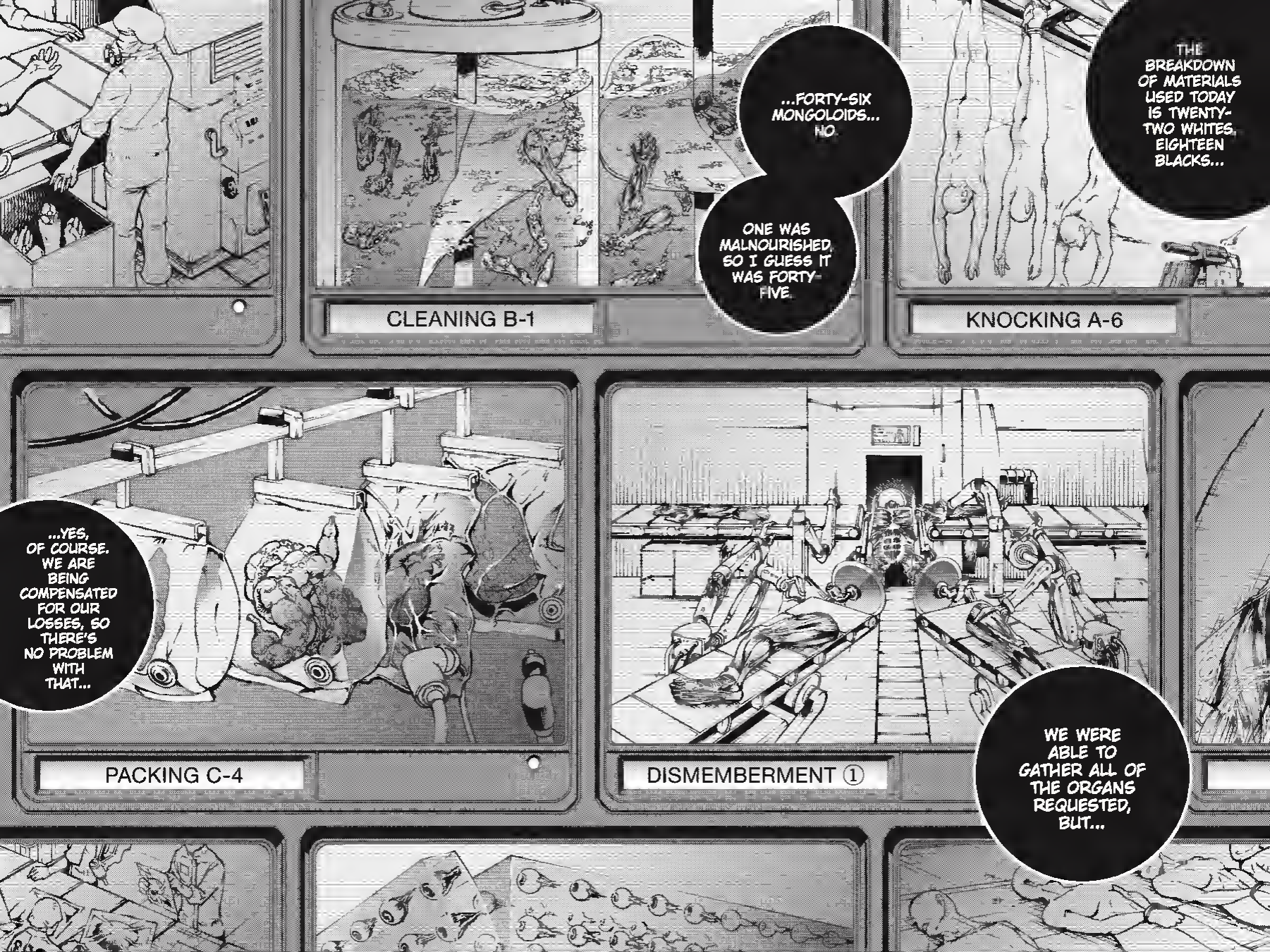
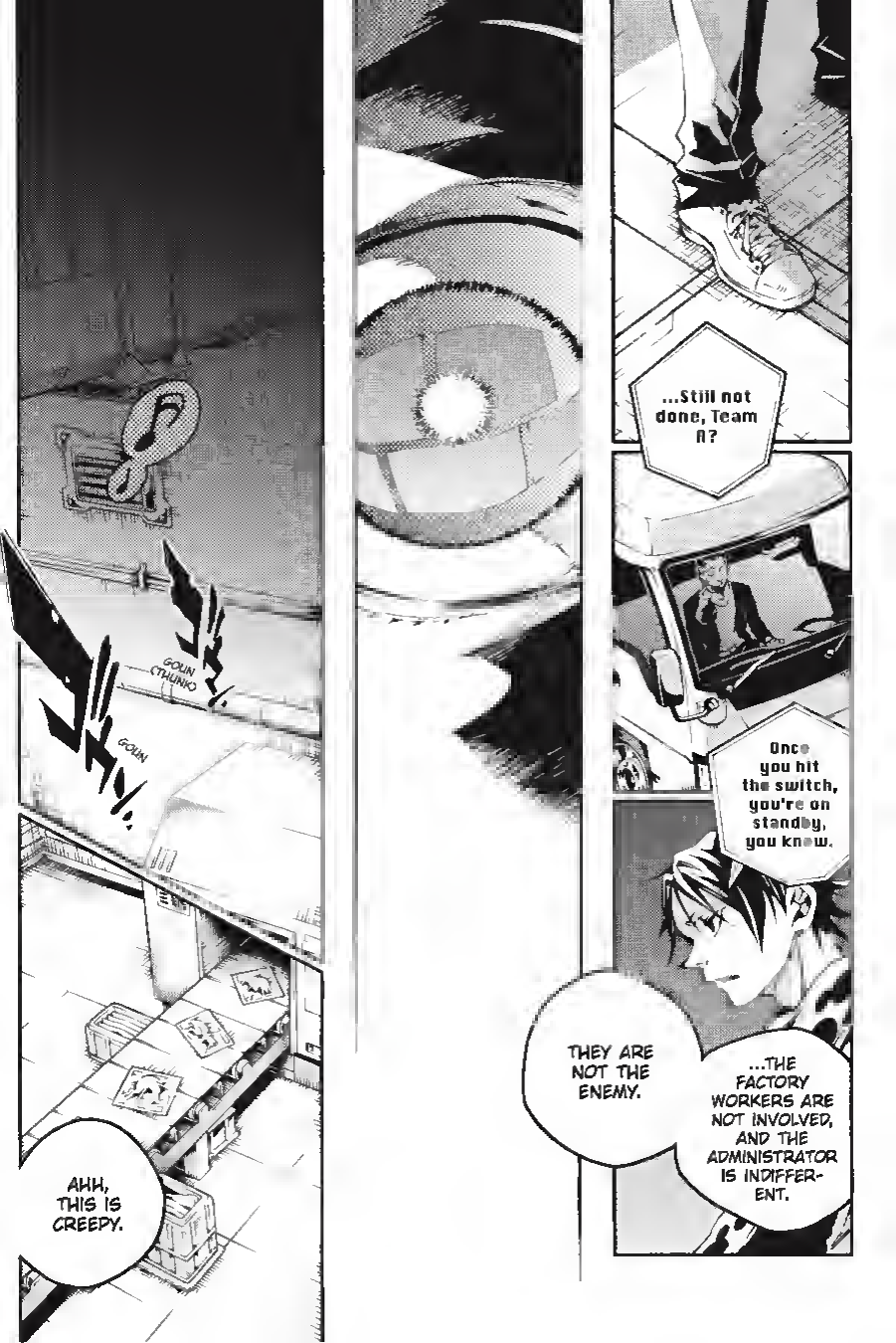

...STILL, THAT SPECIAL MAINTENANCE CREATES A BIT OF A CHALLENGE.
NO, I HONESTLY DON'T CARE WHAT IT ACTUALLY ENTAILS.
OH, THE BREAKDOWN OF TODAY'S MATERIALS?
G-1


...FORTY-SIX MONGOLOIDS... NO.
ONE WAS MALNOURISHED, SO I GUESS IT WAS FORTY-FIVE.
THE BREAKDOWN OF MATERIALS USED TODAY IS TWENTY-TWO WHITES, EIGHTEEN BLACKS...
CLEANING B-1
KNOCKING A-6
...YES, OF COURSE. WE ARE BEING COMPENSATED FOR OUR LOSSES, SO THERE'S NO PROBLEM WITH THAT...
PACKING C-4
DISMEMBERMENT ①
WE WERE ABLE TO GATHER ALL OF THE ORGANS REQUESTED, BUT...


...Still not done, Team A?
Once you hit the switch, you're on standby, you know.
...THE FACTORY WORKERS ARE NOT INVOLVED, AND THE ADMINISTRATOR IS INDIFFERENT.
THEY ARE NOT THE ENEMY.
GOLIN (THUNK)
GOLIN
AHH, THIS IS CREEPY.

GOLIN
WELL, RUMOR HAS IT, THEY'RE NOT.
C'24
C'23
YEAH, YOU GET USED TO IT...
BUT THESE ARE JUST CLONED, RIGHT?
GOLIN (THUNK)
THEN WHY DON'T THE TRANSPLANTS EVER GET REJECTED?
BLACK MAGIC OR SOME-THING?
GOLIN
...BUT THEY SAY THE COMPANY USES DEAD BODIES, WAR ORPHANS, AND SLAVES FROM ALL OVER TOO.
THEY'RE ALL CLEANED UP ANYWAY, SO IT COULD BE ANYTHING...
THE PAY'S THE SAME NO MATTER WHAT YOU THINK, YOU KNOW.
THE KEY TO GETTING BY IS JUST TO NOT THINK ABOUT ANYTHING.
中央管理室
ONL

SIGN: CENTRAL OPERATIONS ROOM, AUTHORIZED PERSONNEL ONLY

GAGA (RATTLE)
GOLUN
DOSA (THUMP)
GON
HUH?
MMPH!
...!
UNGH.
MNH!
URGH!

HUH?
WHOA!
TH-THE FOREMAN!?
GOUN
GOUN
THINK!
WORRY!
GET MAD!
GOUN

DON'T GET USED TO IT!
DON'T LET IT SLIDE!
Click
...IF YOU CAN LIVE WITH IGNORING STUFF LIKE THIS...

...THAT MAKES YOU LESS THAN EVEN THE MONSTERS!
ALL SCHLASH (SCHLASH)

WAAAA
GGLAAA
GRRR
.....
VI
...TEAM A IS DEFINITELY NOT ON STANDBY.
...THAT BUNCH OF SUICIDAL IDIOTS... HMPH.
THAT'S WHY I SAID IT WAS TOO EARLY TO LET HIM SEE THE TRUTH BEHIND AMENOTORI...
THE FACTORY WORKERS AREN'T RUNNING AWAY?
WHAT'S WITH THOSE PAJAMAS, ANYWAY?

WELL, YOU WERE PRETTY INTO IT TOO, YOU KNOW.
I WAS NOT!
MOPOO CHUSH
LOOK! JUST LOOK AT WHERE YOUR FOOT IS!
...HONESTLY, LOSING SIGHT OF THE OBJECTIVE IN YOUR RAGE.
YOU'RE SUCH A CHILD.
...Heyyy, c'monnn!
I'M NOT GONNA APOLOGIZE. IT WASN'T ME! IT WAS RED WHO DECIDED TO GO BERSERK!
I DIDN'T SHOOT ANY-THING!
You liar! You're an adult, so you have to stop them, you dumbass!

Youkou's just like you used to be!
He completely ruined the plaaan!
HA!
WE'LL MAKE IT WORK SOMEHOW.
Welllll... I did come up with a few different ways to do this...
AND THE SCENARIO I WAS MOST FRIGHTENED OF WAS *YOU GOING BERSERK.*
You know that all of Shikagura came after me at once, right?
There's no way I wouldn't have noticed it during that attack.
.....
WHY?

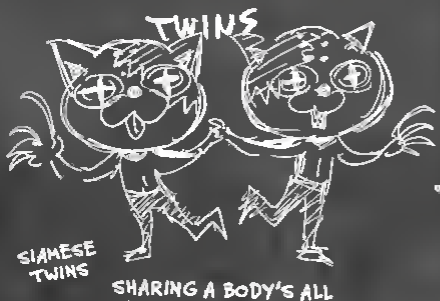
SHELL FANG "GAGARA," THE ROSARIO GEAR.
Which means that he's a *Spider* with a mind who has intel on us.
...but he's... a former *Jackalope*.
I dunno how he's still alive...
HA!
THE WORST, MOST POWERFUL HYBRID EVER, HUH?
.....

AKUTA...
...IT'S ALL GOOD.
SHOOT ME.

WE'RE FRIENDS, AREN'T WE?
HA.
YOU'RE RIGHT. YOU SAID IT YOURSELF.

I'LL BUTCHER YOU AGAIN.

I'M LITTLE, SO... "I WANNA GET BIG!"
LOOK, LOOK, MOMMY, DADDY!
ONCE I GET BIG, I'M SURE WE CAN ALL GET ALONG, AND NO ONE WILL MAKE FUN OF ANYONE ANYMORE.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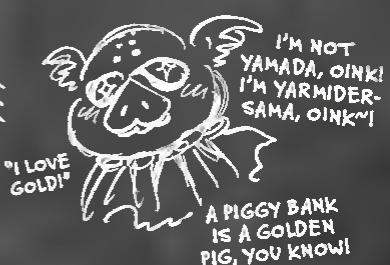
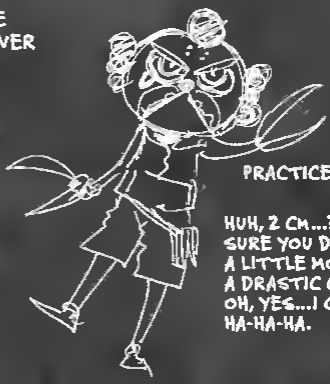
SIAMESE TWINS
SHARING A BODY'S ALL WELL AND GOOD, BUT... "IT'S OKAY TO WANT TO BE INDEPENDENT AND DO WHATEVER WE WANT, RIGHT? MROW?"




"I'M GONNA GO SOLO AND BE MY OWN BOSS!"
PRACTICE! PRACTICE!
HUH, 2 CM...? SURE YOU DON'T WANT A LITTLE MORE OF A DRASTIC CUT? OH, YES...I GUESS SO. HA-HA-HA.

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